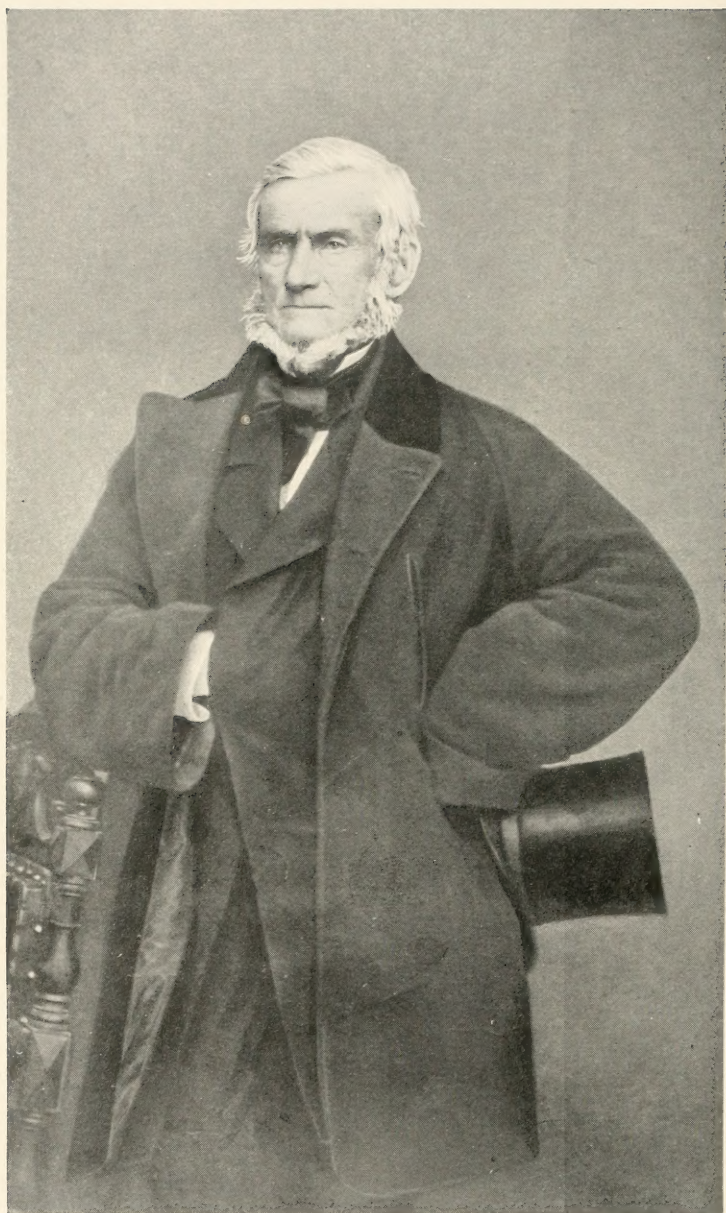


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OF THE
TOWN OF NEW LONDON

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NEW HAMPSHIRE

1779-1899

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PREFACE.

From the inception of the History of New London to its consummation has doubtless seemed a long time to those interested in the town and its people, and a brief résumé of the undertaking is perhaps the simplest explanation that can be tendered.

The first definitive action of the town was at the March meeting in 1891, when Rev. George W. Gardner, D. D., was appointed historian, and the sum of \$300 was raised and appropriated towards the expense of publication. Dr. Gardner, with his intimate acquaintance among the people, his thorough culture, and ample experience, would have ably accomplished this to him pleasant task had life and health been spared. He had prepared the first draft of an introductory chapter and gathered together a few family records, but he was sorely stricken in the sudden death of his son Clarence, and the work slipped from his feeble, yet willing, hands ere it was scarce begun.,

In the autumn of 1895, following the decease of Dr. Gardner, the question of the History having been left with the selectmen, the board entered into an arrangement with Mr. Edward O. Lord. During the ensuing winter and spring Mr. Lord devoted his time largely to the gathering of historical material, and in house-to-house visitations copied family records and made voluminous notes relating to earlier residents of the town as they were recalled by those with whom he conversed, the townspeople as a whole being quick to show their appreciation of the work thus undertaken, and in many instances freely tendering the use of valuable books and documents. In addition the several burying-grounds were gone over and inscriptions and dates copied for reference purposes. In short, by months of diligent research Mr. Lord obtained the larger part of the material from which the genealogical portions of this volume have been compiled and written.

As earlier considered the scope of the History was much narrower, limited to the annals of the town as a corporation with biographies of some of the leading citizens. The interest awakened through Mr. Lord's efforts, however, seemed to call for something more comprehensive, and at the annual meeting in March, 1896, after an explanation of his plans and purposes the town increased the original appropriation so as to secure to him the sum of \$500 towards publication expenses. Advance subscriptions for the book and orders for portraits were then solicited. The response was both prompt and generous, and has made possible the volume herewith presented. To a donation from Mrs. Susan F. Colgate is due the additional chapter on the Centennial History of the Baptist Church. Mr. Lord also devised the plan which has been followed in the arrangement of the several chapters of the book—giving the history of the

town and people by distinct and consecutive periods, thus rendering it especially valuable for reference; but as other matters interfered with his original purpose of writing the History from the materials he had gathered, this task was undertaken by one whose desire to see the accomplishment of the work is her apology for venturing into a field where far abler hands were needed.

The opening chapter of the History was written in June, 1896. From the first the scope of the volume broadened, as more people became interested, until finally the problem was how to condense into the possible limits all that it seemed so desirable to preserve. At the very last it was decided to give a genealogical index, though entailing increased labor and expense as well as delay in publication. A special map of the town, showing the chief topographical features and including a complete list of present residences and public buildings, has also been added for convenience of reference. It has been the earnest desire of the author to make the record of each family entitled to representation as full and accurate as possible, and to each and every person who has in any way aided towards this end grateful acknowledgment for all courtesies extended is hereby made, especially to the elderly ones who by their interest and encouragement and recollection of long-past events have done so much in establishing the earlier historical data.

So the book comes to an end: and these last words are written on the one hundred and twentieth anniversary of the town's incorporation, in the closing year of the nineteenth century. That it has its imperfections and inaccuracies no one realizes more keenly than the writer. But "Who shall decide when doctors disagree?" and who shall say which is right when even family registers conflict on important facts and town records and gravestone inscriptions add still further to the confusion? And again, as in many instances, where no authentic records existed it was inevitable that mistakes should creep in. For all its errors, for all that may be found wanting, the kindly indulgence of those who may read the volume is craved, in the hope that here and there in its pages may be found pleasant memories of bygone days.

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HISTORY

OF THE

TOWN OF NEW LONDON,

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

CHAPTER I.

GENERAL TOPOGRAPHY—INDIAN ENCAMPMENTS—PALEFACE PROPRIETORS—THE PIONEER SETTLERS AND THEIR ENVIRONMENTS.

“A goodly heritage” is the simplest epitome of the New London of to-day, as from some one of its lofty hilltops the eye ranges over the varied features of the landscape. Viewed in the soft, clear light of a perfect June morning—rugged hillsides dotted with cattle, broad fields of grass and grain that rise and fall like the waves of the sea in the fresh breeze that sweeps down from the mountains, stretches of woodland, placid lakes and babbling streamlets—it is indeed a pleasant land. Even in winter, when the smiling fields are veiled in a snowy mantle and the leafless trees bowed down beneath a weight of gleaming crystal, it is only another scene in nature’s ever-changing kaleidoscope.

As a hill town it is a step in advance of far-famed Rome. There are few indeed of its well-kept roads that do not lure the unwary traveller down one descent in order that he may gain the needed impetus to mount the succeeding rise of ground in search of yet another. From the geographical centre to the outlying districts the hills look across in friendly greeting one to another—Colby (formerly Minot’s), Knight’s (formerly Messer), Burpee, Davis (formerly Rowell’s), Hunting, Morgan, Bunker, and Emery’s (formerly Kimball’s)—perpetuating the memory of those who at different periods of the town’s existence have given individuality to the localities.

Within the borders of the town is included a portion of fair Lake Sunapee; Otter pond, the connecting link between the great lake and the spur-divided bays of Little Sunapee; Lake Pleasant, the source of the Blackwater; Clark (formerly Harvey) and Messer ponds,—each with its attendant tributaries and outlets, and all giving of their piscatorial treasures to the skilful angler who knows the secrets of deeps and shallows. The division of the rainfall is a feature peculiar to the town. From its lofty elevation—some 1,400 feet above sea level—it becomes the “dividing line” between two great rivers. Near the schoolhouse in the north district may be found two brooks, one of which, bending to the west, reaches the Connecticut through the Sunapee lakes and Sugar river; the other flows towards the sunrise, and reaches the Merrimack through the Blackwater and Contoocook rivers. In the west part of the town is an ancient homestead whose roof-tree defines the dividing line even more sharply—on the one side the pattering raindrops descend to the Merrimack, on the other to the Connecticut. There is abundant water-power at various points, and this has been utilized in many ways ever since the pale-face has held sway over the lakes, ponds, rivers, and brooks.

Quite a stretch of imagination is required to picture the hills and valleys of to-day clothed with a primeval forest which demanded years of toil from the early settlers and their successors ere it gave place to fruitful fields and succulent pastures. Hundreds of acres have been cleared, and still there is woodland enough left to pleasantly diversify the landscape—the dark background of spruce, fir, hemlock, and pine relieved by the paler greens of ash, birch, beech, and maple in the early summer, or toning down the flaming banners that come with the frosts of autumn, heralding the dying year. In the depths of the woods and swamps, out in the open fields and pastures, lining the roadsides and bordering the streams, are the shrubs and wildflowers common to this latitude, besides a few varieties which the enthusiastic botanist classes among his “rare” specimens. On some of the cleared lands which the busy axe of the woodsman is opening up continually, nature makes a desperate effort to reassert herself, and blueberry, raspberry, and blackberry bushes spring up as if by magic, so that there is an abundant supply of these spicy fruits.

Geologically considered, New London, in common with the greater part of New Hampshire, belongs to the Archaean time, the surface rocks being granite, quartz, gneiss, mica, etc., in endless varieties. Some of the granite is porphyritic, occasionally of very coarse granulation, specimens having been found with distinctly marked crystals of quartz, feldspar, and mica from one to four inches in dimension. In some localities a very good quality of building granite can be quarried. Very fine specimens of quartz crystals have been found on the south shore of Lake Pleasant, and the low water of the summer season lays bare a setting of smoky quartz that here and there reveals to the watchful mineralogist aquamarine beryls of more than ordinary beauty. Not far from the same locality a mixture of flesh-colored feldspar is found that has been pronounced by experts to be as good as any in the United States, while up in the northwest part of the town small deposits of graphite crop out occasionally in the rugged ledges. All in all, it may be said safely that the farmers have an inexhaustible supply of "fencing material" close at hand. A story is told of an inquisitive passer-by attempting to quiz a farmer who was laboriously picking small stones from his field to add to the already massive walls, by asking what he proposed doing with his present crop. "I calculate," said the owner, as he carelessly balanced a good-sized specimen on his horny palm, "the Lord kind o' reckoned on my being a pretty tough customer to get along with, and so laid in a good supply of weapons." The traveller paused for no further questioning.

The Great Spirit endowed His red children with an unerring instinct to guide them in their search for the food which nature supplies so bountifully to those who know her secrets, and in times of peace Indian encampments were always made near the water-ways. What was more natural than that they should settle upon the shores of a lake teeming with fish and wild fowl, and that they should have given it its characteristic name of Soo-nipi (Sunapee), or Goose water, from the flocks of wild geese that make it a resting-place in their semi-annual flights across this region? Skimming the blue water of the larger lake in his light canoe, the Indian sought its source, and crossing the intervening brooks and Otter pond penetrated to the farther shore of the smaller Sunapee. A trail to the south

opened up Clark and Messer ponds; another, stretching away to the east, led over the highland to the upper end of Lake Pleasant.

There are unmistakable proofs that at some time previous to the advent of the white men these localities were favorite haunts of the Indians, though they had disappeared as a people prior to the earliest settlers. From the sand-bar on the Edmund Davis shore of Lake Sunapee were unearthed seven or eight arrowheads with quartz points, several pieces of Indian pottery, and chippings of quartz and flint, which have been preserved in Fred E. Longley's private collection. A valued relic from the easterly shore of Little Sunapee is an Indian gouge plowed up by Asa Ray. Three stone fireplaces, and other well-authenticated traces, would indicate a more or less permanent settlement on the easterly shore of Lake Pleasant, not far from the Scythe company's large tenement-house; while near the outlet of Big brook, at the northerly corner of the same lake, is "Indian point," where there are five more fireplaces, and where the near-by intervale was cleared sufficiently to admit the planting of a little maize. John D. Pingree has a stone mortar-pestle, found near Lake Pleasant by George R. MacFarland, which, could it find words, might tell of hours of patient labor in the hands of Indian women ere the cakes of coarse meal were ready for the glowing coals. From the above-mentioned Indian point came two arrowheads,—one with a war point of quartz, the other tipped with flint for killing game. Mr. Longley found there also a perfect quartz spear-point and several chippings. On the Pingree farm, lying only a little west of this same Lake Pleasant, the earliest settler found a fireplace with ashes so fresh it seemed as though the red man had but just gone away, startled at the approach of his white brothers.

A circumstance which lends additional weight to the theory that this region was much frequented by the aborigines, dates back to 1746,—a period when the English frontier settlements were constantly harassed by bands of hostile Indians acting as allies of the French. In April of that year a party from the St. Francis tribe, which had its headquarters at the mouth of the St. Francis river, near the Canada line, and whither a remnant of the Penacooks had retired, attacked Woodwell's

garrison in Hopkinton and carried off eight captives, who were to be taken to Canada and there held for ransom. The thrilling story of the attack, and of the hurried flight through the valley of the Warner river to Kezar lake, Sutton, and Clark pond, New London, then along the easterly shore of Little Sunapee, and on towards the north and northwest till their destination was reached, has been set forth in heroic verse by C. C. Lord, Esq., of Hopkinton, and published under the title of "Mary Woodwell." Mary was one of the party of eight who made the journey over this route, and was ransomed after three years of captivity and untold hardship.

Such are some of the tokens of the aboriginal inhabitation of this region. That the northerly and easterly shores of the three lakes were the sites of such settlements as the red men made, and that the water-ways along the valleys were Indian thoroughfares, is certain, and it is not strange that in these same localities the Penacooks found temporary abodes, as inch by inch they were driven back from the lands of their forefathers. But the pioneer settlers of New London had nothing to fear from Indian incursions or depredations. There were no treaties to arrange, no bartering for the right of possession. The white men came, saw that the land was good, and then made the best terms possible with the grantees or lord proprietors. The former had received their title from the Masonian proprietors, who in 1746 had purchased from John Tufton Mason, a descendant of Capt. John Mason, all of the former's rights in the grant conferred by the Plymouth council to Captain Mason in 1629.

Going back yet another step in search of the source of proprietary rights, the ownership is transferred to the king of England, who claimed it by right of the Cabot discoveries along the Massachusetts coast in 1497, though there had been discoveries and fruitless attempts at settlement by other nations covering a prior period of nearly 500 years. The English government, after several disheartening failures in its schemes of colonization, at length granted to the Plymouth company about 1610 the tract of land lying between the parallels of 38° and 45° and known as North Virginia. Captain Mason, by virtue of his services in the English navy and army, in 1629 received a grant or patent of the land "from the middle of the

“Pascataqua River, and up the same to the farthest head thereof, and from thence northwestward until sixty miles from the mouth of the harbor were finished; also through Merrimack river to the farthest head thereof, and so forward up into the land westward, until sixty miles were finished; and from thence to cross overland to the end of the sixty miles accounted from Pascataqua River, together with all islands within five leagues of the coast.” In 1635 the Plymouth company, before surrendering their charter to the king, divided their property in New England among themselves, and a large section of the present state of New Hampshire fell to the lot of Captain Mason, who died in London in December of that same year.

The land lying between the Pascataqua and Merrimack rivers as defined in the grant of 1629, came into the possession of John Tufton Mason, and was by him sold to the association at Portsmouth termed the Masonian proprietors. When these began to issue grants, and it became necessary to settle the boundary lines of their territory, they claimed as the westerly limit of their patent a curved line starting from the point on the south line of the state which marked the finish of the sixty miles from the seacoast, and from thence crossing “overland to the end of the sixty miles accounted from Pascataqua River” on the east line of the state, this line describing at every point a radius of sixty miles from the coast. The patent line thus claimed was run by Robert Fletcher in 1768, and started from the south on the westerly line of Fitzwilliam; thence running north and northeast, it terminated in Conway. A segment of this line later on marked the northwestern boundary of New London, for, among other grants of this territory issued by the Masonian proprietors, was one termed Alexandria Addition,—a tract of land which, after undergoing sundry subtractions and additions, forms the New London of to-day.

The town of Alexandria, including the greater part of what is now known as Alexandria and all of Danbury, was granted to Joseph Butterfield, Jr., and others in 1767. The conditions of the grant not being fulfilled, the Masonian proprietors again entered upon the land and took legal possession. July 7, 1773, the proprietors held a meeting at Portsmouth, at which a new grant of Alexandria was made to Jonas Minot and others,

embracing all the land included in the former grant to Butterfield. They also, as the record sets forth,—

“*Voted* that there be, and there hereby is, granted to the “before-named Jonas Minot, and others, upon the terms, “conditions, limitations, and reservations hereinafter mentioned: A certain tract of land situated in the county of “Hillsborough and Province of New Hampshire, bounded as “follows, viz.: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of Alexandria, aforesaid, on the patent line, and running on said “patent line to Fishersfield Corner in Great Sunapee Pond; “from thence east on the northerly line of said Fishersfield, “472 rods, to Perrystown Corner; thence north eighty-five “degrees east, about four miles, to a beech tree marked on “the Perrystown line; from thence north, thirty-nine degrees “east, about 1,672 rods, to a beech tree marked in Alexandria “Corner; from thence north, 12 degrees west, to the patent “line afore mentioned on the westerly side of said Alexandria.” One third of the land in the grant was reserved to the proprietors according to their custom, and one of the conditions “hereinafter mentioned” was that the lots should be drawn or divided within ninety days, that a schedule of the numbers, with the list of the settling lots and the lots thereto belonging, should be returned to the grantors within that time, and also that the “said grantees, within said ninety days, shall vote an “acceptance of both said grants, and make a record of such “acceptance.” All the conditions were fulfilled within the ninety days, the meeting for the vote of acceptance being held at Londonderry, September 7, 1773, just two months from the issuance of the grant. At this meeting the proprietors voted to “accept of the grant agreeably to the condition of the charter “granted to them by the proprietors of Mason’s patent, bearing date July 7th, 1773, which grant includes the township “called Alexandria, in the county of Grafton, and the land “called the ‘Addition of Alexandria,’ lying in the county of “Hillsborough, both in the Province of New Hampshire.” The bounds described in the grant of this “Addition of Alexandria” are those of the town of New London at the time of its incorporation in 1779, and thus it was that “Jonas Minot and others” became possessed of the lord proprietors’ rights in two thirds of the land of the original town.

It was not until the winter of 1774 that the woodsman's axe awoke the echoes of the forest. Moses Trussell had come up from Hopkinton and built a rude camp on what is now known as the Belden Morgan farm near the Perrystown (Sutton) line. There he dwelt alone through the long, cold winter, and by spring several acres were ready for a "burn." The strong, new ground thus prepared was planted to corn, and cheered by the prospect of an abundant harvest, Trussell returned to Hopkinton for the summer. In due time he came to gather his crop, but found himself anticipated by the bears and hedgehogs. The following spring was the memorable one of 1776, and Trussell, instead of returning to the "Addition of Alexandria," as he had intended, went to Bunker Hill, where in the engagement of June 17 his left hand was taken off by a cannon ball, while he was helping his wounded commander from the field. It was not until 1804 that he finally became a citizen of New London.

The same year that witnessed the corn planting on the Morgan farm also marked the coming of the pioneer settlers, James Lamb and Nathaniel Merrill. Before the close of the year 1775 these were joined by Eliphalet Lyon and Ebenezer Hunting. Lamb made a clearing on what is now the Nathaniel Knowlton farm, adjoining Morgan's. Merrill located in the vicinity of the "Hominy Pot," and probably was the original settler on the Alston Brown place. Lyon located a little to the east of Merrill, not far from where Lyon brook, named in memory of him, crosses the present highway. Hunting was still farther to the east, and had a log cabin near the old John Trussell house on the road which runs from the Hominy Pot to Crockett's corner. The following year, 1776, was marked by the birth of the first child within the limits of the grant, John Alexander, the son of James Lamb. He lived to a good old age, and is still well remembered in Sunapee, where the days of his manhood were passed.

Between 1775 and 1779 numerous additions were made to the little band of pioneers. There was Samuel Messer, the first "Squire," who settled near the George M. Knight house on Knight's hill, and in whose house the first town meeting was held; Dea. Benjamin Eastman, who remained in the vicinity only a few years, though he was one of the petitioners

for the town's incorporation; Ensign Nathaniel Everett, who was on the Charles Crockett farm, near the Sutton line; Nathan Goodwin, who settled near Pike's Landing on Sunapee lake;—all these, besides Ephraim Gile, John Austin, Jedediah Jewett, Thomas Whittier, Noah Kidder, Israel Hunting, Jacob Hadley, and Nathaniel Stevens, making at least sixteen families in the settlement in 1779.

Rude indeed were the homes of these bold pioneers, and many were the hardships cheerfully endured by them and their families. There were no roads, the location of the lots being indicated by "metes and bounds," and the settlers made their way about by trails and spotted trees; but the very fewness of their numbers, and their remoteness from any supplies, engendered a spirit of interdependence and friendliness. Each newcomer was welcomed heartily to the neighborhood, and all lent a hand to assist him in preparing a home for his family. A simple camp of saplings thatched with brush served for a shelter until the sturdy yeomen with their gleaming axes had made a small clearing and wrought out sufficient timber for the construction of a comfortable cabin. The clearing was burned over, a crop of corn or rye provided for, and then the energies of all were devoted to the building of the dwelling that was to give protection from the severities of winter.

Until Lieut. Levi Harvey built his mills at the Hominy Pot about 1780, every man lived in a log cabin of one or two rooms with an open loft, according to his means and family. How did it look, compared with the houses of to-day? The walls were of logs, dovetailed together at the corners, the chinks filled with moss or clay, the roof being covered with sheets of bark lapped and pinned like shingles. The chimney for the fireplace, built, not of bricks, but of sticks of green wood, laid cob-fashion and plastered inside and out with clay, was at one end and on the outside. The floor of rough-hewn plank, perhaps one small window, and a heavy, swinging door completed a dwelling rude in the extreme yet by no means uncomfortable. With the coming of cold weather the outer walls were stacked with brush, into which the drifting snows settled and made the cabin snug and warm. There was no lack of wood for the great fireplace, where over the blazing logs hung the huge iron pot in which the skilful housewife compounded

the steaming porridge or savory stew ; while cakes of rye or Indian meal carefully disposed on a piece of hewn plank at one side, took on a golden brown crust in the fierce heat that came from the bed of glowing coals.

There were few pieces of furniture, and that of the simplest description. Home-made tables, chairs, and bedsteads served in lieu of the cabinet-maker's productions. The scanty stock of pewter and crockery was arranged on shelves at one side of the fireplace, while a box or chest often did duty as linen closet and wardrobe for the entire family. Yet in these primitive homes lived the men and women who served their day and generation so well, and in spite of hardships and privations reared families that were a credit to themselves and to the community. No matter how many pairs of hands there were, there was always enough for them to do. Within, the wheel and loom were kept busy, for the housewife and her daughters must provide the yarn and cloth for the household needs and fashion them for use, must cook the family meals, wash, iron, keep the rough floor neat with brooms of hemlock twigs, and be ready to do a turn for a neighbor in case of need. Out-of-doors the men and boys were equally diligent. The land was made ready for crops by slow and arduous toil, shelter for the stock had to be provided, and for the ingathering of the harvest barns and various outbuildings were needed. Neighbors joined forces for such tasks as these, and many hands made light work of the heavy framing timbers. Day in and day out they labored, each season bringing its allotted tasks. With the winter came the cutting and hauling of the yearly supply of wood, or the clearing of a new piece of land. The earliest days of spring started the sap in the giant rock maples, and day and night the big kettle swung over the blazing fire till the fleeting harvest of sweets had been gathered in, and then the ground must be prepared and planted. Through the long, bright summer days they toiled, and with the autumn came the reward of their labors. Barn and storehouse were full, and when the wind blew strong and cold from the north and west, till the tiny cabin was almost buried in the drifting snow, within there was warmth and good cheer. Books and papers were scarce, but the Bible was the daily food of this little community of God-fearing men and women.



“PINE POINT” IN LITTLE SUNAPEE, WITH NEW LONDON HILL AND KEARSARGE IN THE DISTANCE.

CHAPTER II.

HEIDLEBURG—INCORPORATION—FIRST TOWN MEETING—FIRST SCHOOLS—FIRST HIGHWAYS—SAW-MILL AND GRIST-MILL—REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER—ELDER AMBROSE—OATH OF ALLEGIANCE—THE CHURCH AND MEETING-HOUSE—FIRST CENSUS—ELDER SEAMANS—END OF THE FIRST DECADE—SECOND CENSUS—KEARSARGE GORE LOTS ANNEXED—REPRESENTATION—SCHOOL DISTRICTS—THE MILL CONTROVERSY.

Prior to its incorporation as the town of New London, the tract of land granted as the "Addition of Alexandria" had been known more familiarly as Heidleburg. As far back as 1768 a map of New Hampshire was published in London, England, drafted from surveys of the territory made by Mitchell and Hazzen in 1750, which shows the state divided in numerous tracts bearing various fanciful names, though much of the country was still unbroken forest. Among others were some which would hardly be recognized to-day—Heidleburg (New London), Protectworth (Springfield), Dantzick (Newbury), and Perrystown (Sutton). Another map of New Hampshire, prepared at Portsmouth in 1761 by Col. Joseph Blanchard and Rev. Samuel Langdon,—evidently for the use of the Masonian proprietors—has the curved line marking the western and northwestern boundary of the Masonian claim, and within the curved line are included the towns mentioned above. The early settlers of New London knew it as "Heidleburg," and for some years after its incorporation the names of Heidleburg and New London were used indiscriminately by its inhabitants.

Alexandria Addition, *alias* Heidleburg, was surveyed and laid out in one hundred and thirty-seven lots of one hundred and fifty acres each, within the ninety days specified in the grant issued by the Masonian proprietors, and at the meeting of the grantees held in Londonderry, September 7, 1773, these one hundred and thirty-seven lots were proportionately divided and drawn by the different owners. By the original deed the Masonian proprietors reserved to themselves one third part of the said land, and forty-five lots and one third of two lots had been allotted to them. Of these, nine lots fell to Theodore

Atkinson, Mark Hunking Wentworth had six, and the remainder of the proprietors—Richard Wibird, John Wentworth, George Jaffrey, Nathaniel Meserve, Thomas Packer, Thomas Wallingford, Jotham Odiorne, Joshua Pierce, Samuel Moore, and John Moffatt—had three each. One half the remainder, or another third part, became the property of Capt. Jonas Minot, of Concord, Mass., making him the largest owner in the Addition. The remaining third part was divided as follows: To Col. Matthew Thornton of Londonderry, ten lots and a fraction; to Maj. John Talford and Dea. William Talford of Chester, six lots and a fraction and seven lots and a fraction respectively; to Robert McMurphy of Londonderry, seven lots and two fractions, “and all the common land adjoining the lot 108 by Little Sunapee Pond;” to Jonathan Bagley of Amesbury, Mass., five lots and a fraction; to Hon. Daniel Rindge of Portsmouth, two lots, and to Joshua Talford, husbandman, of New Chester, one lot; certain lots were also reserved for the benefit of the schools and for the first settled minister. Thus it is that the ownership of most of the land in the present towns of New London and Wilmot is based on title-deeds conferred in consequence of the transactions of September 7, 1773.

But the sixteen or more freeholders who were dwelling within the limits of Heidleburg in the beginning of the year 1779, were still without the capacity to act as a body politic in providing for the various needs of the growing community. There were roads to be laid out and built, and schooling and preaching to be provided for, which called for incorporation and the choosing of sundry properly constituted officials. So it came about that the general court of the state of New Hampshire, sitting at Exeter in March of the year of our Lord 1779, was called to act on the following petition:

“To the Hono^{bl} Council and house of Representatives Convened at Exeter the Secont Wednesday of march Next

“The humble Portion of a number of inhabitetants of a Tract
 “of land in the State of Newhampshire Known by the name of
 “Alaxandria addition or newlondon Sitivat Between old Alax-
 “ander and fishers field and Parrytown: humbly Sheweth that
 “your Portisherners labour under a Grat Disadvantage Being

"Joyined to Old Alaxander on the accout of Tax Sation the
 "Distance being Seven or Eight miles threw the Woods whare
 "there is no Road, nor Cannot be aney Easley had the Ground
 "Being so Ruff and mountanies, and your Portisherners being
 "Wholy Deprived of anney Privilege of assessing ower Selves
 "as Selectmen Can be Expected in the Sitevation we are in at
 "Present among us Tharefore your Portisherners Prayer is
 "that we may be incorporated into a Town and have the Same
 "Privileges that other Towns in this State have your Portish-
 "erners ar willing cheerefully to Pay ower Equill Porportion
 "of Taxes with aney other Town in this State Provided we
 "are in Capasety to assess ower Selves and like wise your Por-
 "tisherners at Present Laboure under Grat Disadvantages
 "Concurring Clearing and Repairing highways among us, as
 "your Portisherner in Duty Bound Doth Ever Pray—

"January y^e 22 :1779—

"Samuel Messer	Ephraim Gile
"Nathan Goodwin	Jedidiah Jewett
"Noah Kidder	Israel Huntting
"James Lamb	Jacob Hadley
"Ebn ^r Huntting	Nathaniel Stevins
"Benj ^a Eastman."	

With the large amount of other business to be transacted it
 was not until the month of June that the general court found
 opportunity to heed the prayer of the petitioners, but finally all
 the forms were duly gone through by that august body, and
 the twenty-fifth day of the most beautiful month in all the year
 became the birthday of fair New London. The neighboring
 town of Andover was incorporated the same day. The legal
 instrument conferring the rights of a body politic on the inhabi-
 tants of New London is the opening record in the first town
 book, with this brief explanatory paragraph :

"The Inhabitants of a track of Land known by the name of
 "the Addition of Alexandria, petitioned The Honorable General
 "Court, of the State of New Hampsheir, Setting at Exeter on
 "the Second Wednesday in March, one Thousand Seven
 "Hundred and Seventy Nine that they might be Incorporated
 "into a town which said petition was Granted and an act of
 "Incorporation Sent to them of which the following is a Copy"

“In the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and
“seventy-nine.

“STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

“An act to incorporate a place called Addition of Alexan-
“dria, in the county of Hillsborough.

“WHEREAS, a petition has been preferred to the General
“Court in behalf of the inhabitants of a tract of land called
“Addition of Alexandria, in the county of Hillsborough, set-
“ting forth that they labor under great inconveniences for
“want of incorporation, and praying that they may be incor-
“porated, of which public notice has been given and no
“objection has been made.

“*Be it therefore enacted* by the Council and House of Rep-
“resentatives in general court assembled, and by authority of
“the same, that there be and hereby is a township erected and
“incorporated by the name of New London within the follow-
“ing bounds, viz.: Beginning at the southwesterly corner of
“Alexandria, aforesaid, on the patent line, and running on
“said patent line to Fishersfield Corner in Great Sunapee
“Pond; from thence east on the northerly side line of Fishers-
“field four hundred and seventy-two rods, to Perrystown
“Corner; then north, eighty-five degrees east, about four
“miles, to a beech tree marked on Perrystown line; from
“thence north, thirty-nine degrees east, about sixteen hundred
“and seventy-two rods, to a beech tree marked in Alexandria
“Corner; from thence north, twelve degrees west, to the
“patent line aforementioned on the westerly side of Alexandria.

“And the inhabitants of said township are hereby erected
“into a body politic and corporate, to have continuance and
“succession forever, and invested with all power, and enfran-
“chised with all the rights, privileges, and immunities which
“any town in the state holds and enjoys, to hold to the said
“inhabitants and their successors forever.

“Mr. Samuel Messer is hereby authorized to call a meeting
“of said inhabitants, to choose all necessary and customary
“town officers, giving fourteen days’ notice of the time and
“place and design of such meeting, and the officers then
“chosen shall hereby be invested with all the power of such
“officers in any other town in the state, and every other meet-

“ing which shall be annually held in said town for that purpose, shall be on the second Tuesday of March forever.

“State of New Hampshire. In the House of Representatives, June 24th, 1779. The foregoing bill having been read a third time, ‘voted that it pass to be enacted.’

“Sent up for concurrence.

[Signed]

“JOHN LANGDON, *Speaker*.

“In Council June 25th, 1779. This bill was read a third time, and ‘voted that the same be enacted.’

[Signed]

“M. WEARE, *President*.

“Copy examined by E. Thompson, Secretary.”

It is not recorded where the warrant for the first town meeting was posted, but 'Squire Messer duly warned the meeting, as attested by the following record in the town book :

“Pursuant to the appointment of The Honorable General Court m^r Samuel Messer Called a metting of the freeholders and other Inhabitants Qualified by Law to Vote in town affairs on tuesday the third day of August one thousand Seven Hundred and Seventy Nine of which he gave Notis for the following Purposes

“Viz

“firstly to Chuse a town Clerk

“Secondly to Chuse Select men

“thirdly to Chuse a Constable & Such other Officers as Shall be thought Proper in town

“fourthly to See what method the town will take to have Roads

“fifthly to know what Sums of Money Shall be Granted to Pay the town charges for the Present year

“Sixthly to See if the town will Vote to hire Preaching

“Seventhly to See if the town will hire any School for Children.”

In compliance with this warrant thirteen qualified voters met at 'Squire Messer's dwelling-house on Messer (Knight's) hill Tuesday, August 3, 1779. 'Squire Messer, by virtue of the power conferred on him by the general court, was considered the proper moderator of the meeting, and after the act of incorporation and the notification had been read the voters proceeded to act on the business of the day. The election of

town officers was an important affair, and was done by written ballots. There were nearly enough offices to go around, Ebenezer Hunting being chosen town clerk, Samuel Messer, Benjamin Eastman, and Nathaniel Everett as selectmen, Nathan Goodwin for a constable, Nathaniel Everett as town treasurer, and Ephraim Gile and John Austin as surveyors, "Each of which were Sworn faithfully to Serve in the Office "or Offices into which they were Respectively Chosen." The remaining articles of the warrant were then taken up, and the meeting

"*Voted* to Chuse a Committee to Lay out Roads where at
"Present Necessary

"*Voted* that m^r Samuel Messer m^r Benjamin Eastman and
"m^r Nathaniel Everett Serve as a Committee to Lay out
"Roads this year

"*Voted* that Roads be Laid out three Rods wide

"*Voted* to Purchas the Land for sd Roads

"*Voted* that four Hundred & fifty Pounds be Raised for
"Clearing roads & that Labour Shall be three Pound Per day

"*Voted* that one Hundred & Eighty Pounds be Raised to
"Pay town Charges

"*Voted* Not to Hire any Preaching this year

"*Voted* to hire three months Schooling this year

"the meeting Dissolved"

The town of New London was now in running order, and it is only fair to presume from the results that the newly honored officials were zealous in the performance of the duties assigned them. It may be thought that the appropriations for highways and town charges were somewhat liberal for so small a township, but it must be taken into account that the currency then in use was the depreciated Continental money, for the colonies were involved in the Revolutionary War and business was in an unsettled and unsatisfactory condition for several years. A pound in Continental currency was then equivalent to a shilling in silver, and three silver shillings or a bushel of corn was a fair price for a day's work. At this rate the amount voted for highways provided for one hundred and sixty days' labor, which was little enough considering the difficulties that lay in the way.

No record has been preserved as to where the "three months' schooling" was held, or who was the master, but the town book shows that the March meeting for 1786 was held "at the School house in Said town near the mills." At this meeting the town appears to have been set off into districts, and the money raised for school purposes divided proportionately, though there is no mention of any other schoolhouse than the one "near the mills." This was on the right-hand side of the road leading from the Hominy Pot to the West Part and not far from where the late Joseph Trussell had bars at the mouth of a cart-road leading to his woodland at the foot of Clark pond. Many years later the schoolhouse was vacated for lack of pupils, and finally was burned to the ground.

The first school on Colby hill was taught by Mary (Messenger) Everett, wife of Jonathan Everett, who came to New London from Attleboro, Mass., in 1788. He first built a log cabin near the site of the Capt. A. J. Sargent house, and the school was kept in one end by the dame, while at the other end Jonathan was shaving shingles for the new frame house which was to be built the coming spring. Mary Everett's education was far superior to that of most people in her day, and her assistance was sought frequently by those to whom the proper exemplification of the three Rs was an uncongenial task. The selectmen of an adjoining town, for instance, dressed flax three whole days for her husband while she made out the taxes for them. She was a woman of remarkable force of character, and her influence in the community is referred to with loving pride by her descendants to this day.

The second town meeting was held March 14, 1780, the warrant for the same being signed by Samuel Messer and Benjamin Eastman, selectmen. In addition to the previous list of town officials, Thomas Whittier was chosen swine driver. The sense of the meeting was that the constable should receive six pence on a pound for gathering the taxes, while the three selectmen were to have one pound, sixteen shillings "between them." The committee on roads made a return of two highways,—one from a beech tree on the Perrystown line to the southwest corner bound of lot 103 (a West Part road which if ever built fell into disuse long since), the other being the present highway running from Newbury line to a point a little

southwest of the Norris corner of to-day ; both of these were accepted by the town. The need of a grist-mill and a saw-mill began to be felt, and three extra meetings were called during the year "to See if the town will Come into any method to build mills in sd town ;" but no method was devised, and Lieut. Levi Harvey, who first appears in the town records at these meetings, seems to have gone ahead and built the needed mills at the Hominy Pot himself, under individual guaranty.

A special meeting was called at the house of Jacob Hadley, Feb. 12, 1781, and the selectmen were commissioned to hire a man to serve in the Continental army for three years. They engaged Francis Como of Sutton, who entered the service April 23 of that year, serving in the First New Hampshire regiment, Colonel Cilley commanding, till the regiment was discharged in November, 1783. In return for his services he received the bounty of twenty pounds "promised by the acts and resolves of the General Court," the town paying him in addition £60 for the year 1781, the same sum for 1782, and £54, 12 s. for 1783. Como also served in the French war. He lived to be very old, and in his last years, when he had become nearly blind, was granted a pension for his Revolutionary service. He died in 1817.

March 13, 1781, must have been a bad day, for the meeting took a decidedly contrary turn, voting down nearly every measure proposed (except that swine must be shut up, and that each man must shut up swine on his own land), and finally adjourned for two weeks. Instead of raising money for highways it was voted that one hundred and fifty days' work be done on the roads, and at a meeting called September 4 the price for a day's work was set at a half dollar. At this latter meeting it was voted "to Raise Silver money to Pay for Beaf Purchased for this year." This was in accordance with an act of the general court requiring each town to furnish its quota of rum or beef for the use of the army.

The warrant for 1782 calls on all "freeholders and inholders" to meet at the house of Capt. John Morgan (on the Belden Morgan farm), and is signed by Lieut. Levi Harvey and Nathan Goodwin as selectmen. Twenty hard dollars were voted for town charges, twelve dollars for school, and seventy-five dollars for highways, work at three shillings per day. This year

marks the first appropriation for preaching. A Baptist church had been formed in Sutton in April, 1782, and in October of the same year the Rev. Samuel Ambrose was ordained as pastor, he devoting, however, a portion of his labors to the little community at New London, which by this time numbered twenty families. Hence it was that the town in 1783 voted "to do Something towards the Support of m^r Ambrose, Preacher," and Nathaniel Everett and Samuel Messer were made a committee to inquire into his wants, to supply according to the town's proportion, and to make an average of the same. Another innovation was the voting "to join Perrystown & fishersfield and Petition the General Court that these towns may be Joined in Representation," but it was not until 1794 that New London was finally classed with Sutton.

In 1783 Lieutenant Harvey's house "near the mills" was the place of meeting, and Lieutenant Harvey was chosen moderator. Ebenezer Hunting continued to serve as town clerk, and it having been decided to choose the selectmen "by Process," Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank was chosen first, Lieut. Levi Harvey second, and Ebenezer Hunting third. Peter Sargent, who with his family had come from Hopkinton in 1781, was chosen constable. It was voted "to Concur with "the Council and House of Representatives for this State that "the Present Government be Continued in full force untill the "tenth day of June 1784 according to their Resolve Passed "27th of February 1783."

This measure of concurrence referred to the temporary constitution adopted by the state January 5, 1776, to continue in effect during the war with England, and was the first written constitution adopted by any of the states now included in the Union. Under this constitution the state elected a council and also a house of representatives, and the council elected a presiding officer who was to all intents and purposes governor of the province. Such was the form of government at the time of the town's incorporation in 1779, the act of incorporation being passed by the house of representatives, then by the council, and was finally signed by Meshech Weare as president or governor. The war with England was settled by treaty prior to 1783, but, as previously noted, the council and house of representatives had voted to continue the government under the

temporary constitution until June 10, 1784, when substantially the present method of electing a governor, council, senate, and house of representatives by the people went into effect. Meshch Weare acted as president during the eight years of the temporary constitution, and was again chosen president in 1784.

Nathaniel Everett, for expense in removing Elder Ambrose from New Plymouth (now Plymouth) to Sutton, was voted the sum of one pound, five shillings, and six pence at this meeting, and then the question of Levi Harvey's mill privileges came up for consideration. It appears that when the town in 1780 decided that as a town nothing could be done towards building a grist-mill and saw-mill, certain public-spirited individuals took it upon themselves to give Lieutenant Harvey a bond to purchase the land on which the mills were to sit, at the outlet of Harvey (Clark) pond, which belonged to a non-resident proprietor, and also to defend him against claims for flowage from the millpond. Accordingly Harvey built the mills, but in 1783 those individuals desired to be loosed from their bond, and after some discussion the town voted to take their place, and instructed the selectmen to give Harvey a bond conditioned like the former one. As Harvey was himself one of the selectmen, the other two, Samuel Brocklebank and Ebenezer Hunting, gave him the desired security, and thus the matter rested for some years.

But there was an after-clap to this particular March meeting, as the following petition humbly acknowledges :

“ Petition to
 “ Joshua Bailey, Esq. } “ New London, May 2, 1783.

“ To Joshua Bailey, Esqr., one of the Justices of the Peace
 “ for the County of Hillsborough : the Petition of us the Sub-
 “ sscribers, Inhabitants of New London, humbly Sheweth that
 “ according to the act of Incorporation Granted to this town,
 “ Directing them to hold an annual meeting on the Second
 “ tuesday of March, the freeholders and other Inhabitants of
 “ this town transacted the business of sd meeting as usual on
 “ the Eleventh of March Last, being in some measure Ignor-
 “ ant (by Reason of Some Disadvantages) of the Laws and
 “ acts of this State. we since the Dissolving of our annual
 “ meeting understand that our transactions were not legal by
 “ Reason of there not being a Sufficient number of Voters in

“ this town to Choose town officers, etc., who had taken Care
“ to Qualify themselves by Complying with an act of the Gen-
“ eral Court of this State Requiring them to take an oath that
“ is there Inserted in order to be Proper Voters, etc. this is
“ therefore to Request your Assistance that we might have a
“ meeting Called in this town for the Choosing of town Officers,
“ etc., as may be agreeable to the Laws of this State, Assur-
“ ing your Honour that we are willing to Comply with any Laws
“ or acts that are Constitutional.”

This petition was signed by Lieut. Levi Harvey, Lieut. William Hutchins, Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank, John Adams, James Brocklebank, Samuel Messer, Nathan Goodwin, Capt. John Morgan, John Morgan, Jr., Ephraim Gile, Jacob Hadley, Nathaniel Everett, and Ebenezer Hunting. In compliance with the above request, agreeable to the law of the state made in such cases, Joshua Bailey, Esq., who was one of the most influential citizens of Hopkinton in earlier times, issued a warrant, dated at Perrystown, May 5, 1783, notifying the inhabitants paying taxes in New London to meet at the house of Ebenezer Hunting on the 20th day of May current at one o'clock in the afternoon. The meeting was duly held, and the following named persons took the oath of allegiance before Esquire Bailey : Nathaniel Everett, Ephraim Gile, Nathan Goodwin, Capt. John Morgan, John Morgan, Jr., Peter Sargent, Israel Hunting, Jacob Hadley, Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank, Lieut. William Hutchins, Levi Everett, Eliphalet Gay, Ebenezer Sargent. Esquire Bailey then opened the meeting, and Lieut. Levi Harvey was chosen moderator “ by hand votes.” The same town officers were elected as at the previous meeting, with the addition of Capt. John Morgan as tithing-man, and the town was once more on solid ground. A special meeting, held July 1, confirmed the action of the town at the previous March meeting in regard to the acceptance of roads and the giving of a bond to Lieutenant Harvey. The warning for the annual meeting in 1784 closes the service of Ebenezer Hunting as town clerk, and under date of March 9, 1784, he duly certifies in clear, bold handwriting “ the foregoing Records of the town of New London a true Record according to the best of my Knowledge.”

Levi Harvey was the second town clerk, chosen March 9, 1784, and was also first selectman. This year the town cast its first vote for president of the state, Col. Josiah Bartlett of Kingston receiving twenty-four votes; for the two senators, Joshua Bailey of Hopkinton had twenty-three votes and Captain Simons of Hillsborough had eighteen. Tuesday and Friday of every week were set apart for grinding days at the mill, "as usual." The meeting adjourned to March 22, when twenty-five dollars were voted Elder Ambrose for his services the year past.

June 8 a special meeting was held to consider "a Request of the Select men of Protectworth to Lay out a Road from Kearsarge Gore to Protectworth through New London, where or near the Road now Runs, and Repair a Good passable Road forth with or they will Send to the County of Hillsborough who will Send a Committee that will Do it on our Cost according to an act of the Court."

Under these circumstances discretion was plainly the better part of valor, and it was decided to open the road "according to Request." One hundred days' work were to be done that season, and that the town's obligation might be thoroughly liquidated it was voted "to Raise ten Gallons of rum on the town's Cost for the opening of the Road before mentioned." This highway was the main road as it used to run from the Sutton line to Crockett's corner, thence following much the same course as the present road over Colby hill and along the easterly shore of Little Sunapee to Springfield. At this meeting the committee on roads made a full report of their doings the previous year, and seven highways were accepted by the town.

Five surveyors of highways were elected in 1785,—Jedediah Jewett, Samuel Brocklebank, Nathaniel Everett, John Adams, Jr., and John Austin, Jr. Col. John Langdon of Portsmouth received twenty-five votes for president, the largest number that had yet been recorded. It was voted to put what land had been cleared on school lot No. 68 into grain, and to fell ten acres more. Another vote, of interest as indicating the value of land, was that "to give Levi Harvey nine shillings per acre for the land that is due him from the town for building mills." Two extra meetings were called in September and

October of this year. At the first was passed the initial motion looking to the building of a meeting-house. It was voted to build a house thirty feet wide by thirty-two long, at the mouth of the Hutchins road, which was the highway running from the Four Corners to the old road over Messer hill. Twelve gallons of rum—the same to be divided to the surveyors—were to be purchased at the town's cost for use in cutting and repairing the northeast road (the turnpike in Wilmot). At the October meeting, it was decided “not to build a meeting-house.”

But the faithful did not lose heart, and the warrant for the March meeting of 1786 contained an article “to see if the town will vote to build a meeting-house and take proper methods to bring forward the same and fix a place for a burying-ground.” Heretofore the inhabitants had met at private houses, but this year “the schoolhouse near the mills” was the place of assembly. Perhaps this fact engendered a more public spirit, at any rate the town then and there voted to build a meeting-house at a point not more than forty rods distant from the mouth of the Hutchins road, with a burying-ground adjoining. Samuel Messer, Nathan Goodwin, and Samuel Brocklebank were chosen a committee to pitch on a location for the same, to sell the pews, and to go forward with the erection of the house as far as the money thus received would permit.

The committee were zealous in the duty thus assigned them, and early in May were ready to report. The location fixed upon was the southerly end of the present cemetery, and the original burying-ground was laid out to the north of the church. A goodly number of pews had been sold, and it had also been arranged that pay for the same might be made in corn at four shillings per bushel or in rye at five shillings. The March meeting had adjourned three times, and at the second of these sessions the selectmen were instructed to settle with Elder Ambrose, the balance due him for preaching to be paid out of the common stock. Levi Harvey was added to the church committee in place of Samuel Messer, who declined to serve.

In June of this year the first census was taken, in accordance with an act of the legislature. The return made is as follows :

" Males 21 years of age and upwards . . .	46
" Males under 21 years of age . . .	66
" Females 18 years of age and upwards . . .	46
" Females under 18 years of age . . .	61

" Total 219

" The above is a true account, as witness our hands.

" LEVI HARVEY,	} <i>Selectmen</i> <i>for</i> <i>New London.</i>
" JOHN ADAMS,	
" JOHN MORGAN,	

" New London, June 5, 1786."

When Elder Ambrose first visited the town in 1782, there were twenty resident families in different parts of the town. One reason for the marked increase noted in the census four years later, is found in the fact that there was an influx of Revolutionary soldiers with their families soon after the close of the war, most of them coming from Attleboro, Dedham, and New Rowley (now Georgetown), Mass.,—men who exerted a strong influence for good in their adopted town. Among others were Solomon Adams, Capt. Thomas Currier, Edmund Davis, Josiah Davis, John Dole, Jesse Dow, Levi Everett, Penuel Everett, Eliphalet Gay, Zebedee Hayes, Ezekiel Knowlton, Thomas Pike, David Smith, and Eliphalet Woodward, but it was not until 1804 that Moses Trussell, the pioneer axeman in the wilds of "Heidleburg" and the one-armed hero of Bunker Hill, became a citizen of New London.

Now that the vexed question of the meeting-house was satisfactorily adjusted, the calling and settling of a minister was in order. Several of the families in town had been parishioners of the Baptist church in Attleboro, of which the Rev. Job Seamans had been the beloved first pastor since his ordination in December, 1773, and at their request Elder Seamans visited them in their new home in the summer of 1787, preaching his first sermon on Lord's day, June 24. The impression made on the community was a most favorable one, and September 24, the town, acting in this matter in its corporate capacity, as was the custom of those times,

" *Voted* to give Elder Seamans a call to settle in this town as
" a minister of the Gospel.

" *Voted* to give him forty pounds yearly as a salary—three

“ pounds in cash and thirty-seven pounds in labor and grain
 “ and other produce that he may want—all to be paid at the
 “ common price.

“ *Voted* that a sum for settlement be raised by subscription.

“ *Voted* that upon Elder Seamans being settled as a minister
 “ for this town that he be entitled to all the ministerial priv-
 “ ileges in town according to charter except one half of the
 “ parsonage lands.”

In consequence of this call Elder Seamans came a second time, in the winter of 1788, leaving his home in Attleboro, according to an entry in his diary, February 18, and reaching Deacon Matthew Harvey's house in Sutton five days later. February 24 being the Sabbath day, Elder Seamans preached at Capt. John Morgan's, and again on the following day at Lieut. Samuel Messer's. Wednesday, of that same week, was a red-letter day in the annals of the church, and on it was made the first entry in the church book.

“ Records of the Baptised church in New London.

“ Wednesday Feb. 27th 1788.—This day the Baptist brethren
 “ in this town and the towns of Sutton and Fishersfield attended
 “ a conference meeting at Ensign Nathaniel Everett's upon the
 “ expediency of coming into church State. Elder Job Sea-
 “ mans from Attleboro in the State of Massachusetts being
 “ present opened the meeting by prayer then read and
 “ expounded the I chapter of Haggai. Then the brethren
 “ entered upon conference on the subject before them, and
 “ there appeared to be a good agreement amongst them
 “ although their number was small. Upon which Jeremiah
 “ Everett, Ebenezer Sargent & Benjamin Baker, and sisters
 “ Elizabeth Whittier and Esther Sargent concluded to petition
 “ the church in Sutton of which they were members for a dismis-
 “ sion so that they might join in constituting a church in New
 “ London.”

The elder remained in town some two months, visiting the people and preaching from house to house. They were desirous that he should accept the call at once, and at the March meeting it was voted that his salary should date from the 24th of February, to remove his family from Attleboro to New London at the cost of the town, and “ that the selectmen do forward the moving of Mr. Seamans family.” He decided to enter

this inviting field of labor, and his acceptance of the call is spread on the town records under date of March 28, 1788. In June he resigned his charge of the little flock in Attleboro, over which he had exercised a watchful care for nearly fifteen years, and on the 20th of that month set out with his family for New London. The one hundred and fifty miles that lay between the old and new home were covered in twelve days. At Warner the family was met by a delegation of New London's citizens who had come to help them over the last stage of their long journey. New London was reached July 1, and the family was accommodated in a house belonging to James Brocklebank, who had located on the A. C. Philbrick place. Elder Seamans's diary records the fact that Manning, who was the youngest of the seven children and then about a year old, was taken sick the same night, but he soon recovered in the bracing air of the New Hampshire hills.

In the mean time the building of the meeting-house had received attention at the hands of the committee, and on Sunday, September 28, 1788, the people gathered for public worship in the new house, which boasted four walls and a roof to keep out the weather, although finish was lacking within and without. The church was constituted formally Thursday, October 23, with the counsel and assistance of the Baptist churches in Canaan, Sutton, and Wendall (Sunapee). No one in that little gathering could foresee the far-reaching influence which, emanating from this humble source, was to spread abroad in ever-widening circles through more than a century of years; but the discomforts of loose flooring, rough plank benches, and gaping apertures in place of doors and windows, were forgotten in the solemn joy that filled all hearts.

By reason of a request from a committee of the church, a special meeting of the inhabitants was held in the meeting-house November 25, at which the town

"Voted to agree with the call that the church has given
"Elder Seamans to settle as a minister of the Gospel in this
"town, and that the selectmen be a committee to forward his
"reinstallment the ensuing winter.

"Voted for singers Ebenezer Hunting, Lieut. Samuel Mes-
"ser, Nathaniel Fales, Asa Burpee, Moses Hills, Jonathan
"Adams, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank." Another vote gave

the singers liberty to sing the last time on Sunday without reading. This doubtless refers to the old custom of "deaconing" the hymns,—that is, the deacons, who generally occupied the "deacons' seat" near the pulpit, were charged with the proper execution of the singing, one reading the hymn two lines at a time and the other leading off the singers. Tradition names Nathaniel Fales as the master-spirit in the singing pew for many years. The office of town treasurer was created at this meeting, and Ebenezer Hunting being chosen to the position was empowered to call on the constable for the present year for the minister and town tax, and to receive and pay out according to the direction of the selectmen.

January 8, 1789, the church elected Ebenezer Hunting as deacon, and Nathan Goodwin "as a standing scribe in the church." January 21 witnessed the "reinstallment," as the records term it, of Elder Seamans as pastor. The Rev. Amos Wood of Weare preached the sermon, Rev. Thomas Baldwin of Canaan gave the charge to the candidate, and Rev. Samuel Ambrose of Sutton the fellowship of the churches. A large gathering of people from the neighboring towns tested the capacity of the new meeting-house, but not of the hospitality of the New London housewives, who were as famous for that liberal art in their day as are the matrons of the present generation. The first communion of pastor and church was observed on the following Sunday, January 25, 1789.

Such are a few events in the town's history during the first decade of its corporate existence. The little hamlet of pioneers had become a thriving community of nearly three hundred souls, and comfortable frame dwellings were fast taking the place of the rude cabins of primitive times. Some of the oldest houses now standing date back to this period, that on the John D. Pingree farm having probably the priority as to age. This house was built by Ezekiel Knowlton, and has withstood the storms of more than a century. The Henry Quimby house on the back road was built by Joseph Colby about 1790, and was the birthplace of ex-Gov. Anthony Colby in 1792. A school-house and meeting-house had been built. David Smith (known as "Doctor" from his skill as a veterinary surgeon and farrier) had a blacksmith shop in the Low Plain district, Jesse Dow had another near the present Cummings cottage, and there were

mills at the Hominy Pot and some smaller industries, but there was no general store until near the close of the century.

The second state census was taken in 1790, and the return made by New London shows a total of three hundred and eleven inhabitants—a gain of nearly one hundred in four years. Eliphalet Gay appears to have built his saw-mill at the outlet of Lake Pleasant about this time, for at the following March meeting the town voted him exemption from taxation for the same. A set of measures—half-bushel, peck, and half-peck—was purchased, “to be kept as a standard,” and Levi Harvey was constituted sealer of weights and measures. As an inducement to be diligent in his calling it was voted to allow the constable six pence per pound for collecting minister’s tax, “provided he settles up before another is chosen in his room.” In December of that year Capt. John Morgan and Levi Harvey were chosen a committee to “support the town’s petition to the General Court to get the wild land of the non-residents taxed for highways.”

Capt. John Morgan, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, and Joseph Colby were the selectmen for 1791, also serving as assessors and committee on roads. This last office was no sinecure, for the town made liberal appropriations for highways yearly, and the numerous roads built during these early years called for careful planning and supervision. Thomas Pike, Zebedee Hayes, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Eliphalet Gay, Solomon Adams, and Robert Knowlton were chosen highway surveyors. Nathaniel Fales, Asa Burpee, and Jonathan Adams were the town’s choice for singers, “to take the lead and invite any that they shall see cause.” It was voted to fence the burying-ground near Anthony Sargent’s with stone wall, and the building of the same was let out to Ephraim Gile at three shillings and three pence per rod. Another measure was “to try to build the pulpit by subscription.” At a meeting called a little later in the season it was decided to hang the doors to the meeting-house and to lay the floors in the porches, above and below, denoting the still unfinished condition of the meeting-house. There were three public vendues of non-residents’ lands for the non-payment of taxes in the winter of 1790–1, and about eleven hundred acres thus changed owners.

In 1792 the town voted the first time for electors of the presi-

dent and vice-president of the United States, twenty-eight votes being cast for Ebenezer Webster, James Flanders, Timothy Walker, Abel Foster, John T. Gilman, and Jonathan Gove. This was the second term of George Washington and John Adams, the town having passed over the call for the previous election in 1788. The question was brought up whether the town would accept the westerly part of Kearsarge Gore, and was decided in the affirmative, "on condition that the inhabitants of lots do clear the town from any back taxes up to the year 1792." Accordingly the legislature of 1793 disannexed lots Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 from Kearsarge Gore and added them to New London. This addition contained about seven hundred acres, and was triangular in shape, its base resting on Sutton's north line, and was the first of several changes which were made in the town's territorial limits during the ensuing quarter of a century. The bridge over the bog "between Capt. Samuel Brocklebank's and the meeting-house" was built and accepted this year, and the usual question as to what should be done towards finishing the meeting-house having been brought up, it was

"*Voted* that the town do build the pulpit next spring and build the seats and finish the alleys, the selectmen to provide boards and other necessities for the same.

"*Voted* that Lieutenant Hutchins have liberty to put a window into the meeting-house against his own pew at his cost.

"*Voted* that the singing-pew may be built by subscription for the use of the town."

Up to the year 1792 the church which had begun with eleven members in 1788 had added but seven to their number, but that winter the faithful work done by Elder Seamans began to bear fruit, and the names of fourteen new members were placed on the church roll. The interest became general, and extended throughout the following year, so that with the opening of the year 1794 the church numbered one hundred and fifteen members, and included the united heads of thirty-seven of the fifty families then in the town.

Slowly but surely the corporation was progressing in the administration of its affairs, each year bringing its changes. In 1793 the tax-collecting was set up and struck off to the lowest bidder, Capt. John Morgan securing the prize at four

pence half-penny per pound. Thomas Pike and Levi Harvey were named as the first auditors, and Levi Harvey "for writing in town book three years past" was allowed the liberal sum of fifteen shillings. He seems to have been a "general utility man," for he was also entrusted with a commission to "procure a burying-cloth" at the town's cost. It was voted to build a pound thirty feet square "on the corner of Mr. Dow's field back of the burying-yard by the road." Later records, however, would indicate that the pound was not built for some years, when Jesse Dow, who had served as keeper of stray cattle in the mean time, was made pound-keeper. The pulpit had been built and accepted, and it was decided that the glazing of the meeting-house should be finished next. In December Benjamin Woodbury and Joseph Colby, by virtue of their office as selectmen, perambulated the town line, "beginning at the "northeast corner of Sutton, at a stake spotted and several "beech trees spotted around it, then running on the north end "of Sutton till it comes to the northeast corner of Fishersfield, "to a beech tree marked on four sides, with several letters "on the same, then running on the north end of said Fishersfield till it comes to the bank of Sunapee pond, to a large "pine stump standing on a stone spotted on two sides."

And these are but a few of the many items recorded in the town book for 1793.

So far in its history New London had had no share in the representation of the towns at the general court, but on March 1, 1794, the court sent an order that New London and Sutton were classed together to send one representative, and the selectmen of the last-named town were requested to warn a meeting for that purpose. There is nothing in the New London town records in regard to this meeting, but the "History of Sutton," p. 113, gives a document that throws some light on the matter :

"This may certify that we selectmen of Sutton about the "first of March 1794 received an order of the General Court "that New London and this town were classed together to "choose a Representative for the Court and were desired to "warn a meeting for that purpose, but considering that New "London is the oldest town by incorporation we thought it

“proper that their selectmen should warn the meeting and sent the order to them. Accordingly they warned the meeting to be held in Sutton.

“After the Representative was chosen we were called on to make a Return of the Same. The answer we gave was that we thought the Selectmen that warned the meeting ought to make a Return.

“Sutton May 15, 1794

“THOMAS WADLEIGH } *Selectmen*
“MOSES HILLS } *of Sutton.*”

New London sent only one representative during the nine years that this arrangement lasted—Lieut. Joseph Colby in 1801,—but by 1803 both New London and Sutton had increased sufficiently in population to warrant individual representation. In 1794, too, the town was called on for jurors to serve at the May term of the supreme court, then held at Hopkinton, which had shared the dignities of the shire town of Hillsborough county with Amherst since 1793. It was voted that Lieut. Joseph Colby serve as grand juror, and Capt. John Morgan was drawn for the office of petit juror. In August of the same year Ezekiel Knowlton was drawn as petit juror for the September term of the court of common pleas and general court of sessions, which was also held at Hopkinton. This division of the county business was a great convenience to most of the towns, as hitherto it had all been done at Amherst, which from its location in the extreme southern part of Hillsborough county made the journey a tiresome one to those having business at court. Another memorable event of the year 1794 was the great frost which came on June 17, destroying all the grain and most of the fruit.

An office of which the town records make no mention is that of coroner, but the following petition (see “History of Sutton,” p. 244) would indicate the necessity for and creation of such an official:

“To his excellency the governor and honorable council, in general court to be convened, at Concord, on Tuesday, the sixteenth day of December, 1794. We, the petitioners, of the town of New London, humbly sheweth that we labor under a great disadvantage by not having a coroner in said town,

“ having been obliged to send several times for one at a considerable distance.

“ Therefore, we humbly pray your honors would take the matter into your wise consideration, and remove such difficulty by appointing Mr. Joseph Colby to be coroner for said town, and your petitioners as in duty bound shall ever pray.”

This petition bears the signatures of Jedediah Jewett, Caleb Segur, Jeremiah Pingree, John Sargent, Abner Whittier, Benjamin Woodbury, Zebedee Hayes, Levi Everett, John Slack, John Ide, Ebenezer Hunting, Ebenezer Shepard, Jesse Shepard, Seth Gay, Ebenezer Shepard, Jr., Josiah Brown, Peter Sargent, Ezekiel Sargent, Jonathan Everett, John Adams, Jr., John Adams, Peter Sargent, Jr., Jeremiah Everett, James Brocklebank, Nathaniel Emerson, Joshua Wright, Anthony Sargent, Nathan Goodwin, Ebenezer Sargent, Amasa Sargent. From 1800 to 1805 Lieut. Samuel Messer held the office of coroner, according to some numbers of “Curtis’ Pocket Almanac,” of date 1800 to 1806, and in 1805 there were two coroners, Lieutenant Messer and Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury. Notwithstanding the urgency set forth in the petition the duties of this gruesome position have never been very burdensome in New London.

The year 1795 is marked by the building of three school-houses, in addition to the one built at the Hominy Pot in 1786. The town voted ninety pounds for this purpose, and chose one man in each district as a committee to forward the work,—Levi Harvey for the north district, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury for the east, and Ebenezer Sargent for the west. Nathaniel Fales, Ebenezer Shepard, Jr., and Dea. Zebedee Hayes, with all the inhabitants to the east of them, made up the east district; the west district did not vary greatly from the present one, and the remaining inhabitants of the town were known as the north district. This arrangement lasted until 1803, when the bounds underwent considerable change and new districts were created. The town also voted to finish the windows in the meeting-house immediately, and to hold its meetings there in the future. The house was guiltless of paint and plaster, but this incompleteness was largely due to the existence of a feeling among some of

the towns-people that the responsibility of the meeting-house and the pastor's salary ought to rest on the church rather than the town.

When Elder Seamans was settled as the town's minister in 1788, he had taken a bond from the town as security for his annual salary of forty pounds. For one reason and another payment of the ministerial dues had been allowed to fall into arrears, and in 1795 the town desired to be released from its obligations, looking to the church as the proper source of supply for the pastor's needs. Accordingly Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury and Dea. Zebedee Hayes were appointed a committee to confer with the elder as to the terms on which he would give up the bond. Never was treaty more easily adjusted, or difficult path made smooth. The committee waited upon the elder, stated their case, and left the matter for his consideration. In due time he submitted three propositions for the town's choice of action, either and all of which did credit to the man's heart and mind :

“ 1.—I am willing to receive a dismissal from my pastoral and ministerial office in church and town, together with such a recommendation as I brought you from Attleboro ; that my salary shall cease from the date of such dismissal, etc. ; and to give up the bond I hold against the town for the payment of said salary when it is paid up to the date of such dismissal.

“ 2.—I will enter into the following agreement with the church and town, viz. : The church and town shall wholly surrender, give up, and relinquish my ministerial services in church and town ; and I on my part will wholly surrender, give up, and relinquish my yearly salary ; so that it shall be a matter of judgment and conscience between us,—that is, I will serve you as much in the work of the ministry as my judgment and conscience dictate, and you on your part shall communicate to me of your temporal good things, towards the support of myself and family, as much as your judgment and conscience dictate to you, and that, too, in such a way as you choose.

“ 3.—If neither of these offers is satisfactory to you, then my request is that the town will join with me to call a mutual council to look into any matters of grief or dissatisfaction that

“subsist amongst us, either on your part or on mine; and
“give us their advice on the following questions, viz.:
“Whether, all things considered, it is not best for me to ask
“and you to give me such a dismissal and recommendation as
“mentioned above; and if the council shall think it best for
“me to be dismissed, then I am willing they should say upon
“what conditions, being informed of what the town has done
“for me and of my services in return. Let them judge whether
“the town shall pay me my salary in part or in full, and give
“me something more, for reasons which to the council may
“appear; or, I shall relinquish my salary which shall then be
“due in part or in whole, and give the town something more,
“for reasons which to the council may appear.”

The town promptly voted to accept his second offer,—that is, to pay up the salary due him January 1, 1795, by the first of the following year, and they also gave up a small note which the town held against him; thereby relinquishing all claim which they had upon his ministerial services. From that time on the expense of the elder's salary was borne by the church and by voluntary contributions, to the mutual satisfaction of all parties concerned. Surely never was laborer more worthy of his hire. The elder's farm was that now owned by Christopher C. Gardner on Pleasant street, and he erected the buildings now standing. In the field on the opposite side of the road Joseph Colby built a house where he lived in the interim between the log cabin at the foot of Pleasant street and the erection of the Henry Quimby house on the back road. No farm was more diligently and carefully tilled, the elder literally earning his bread by the sweat of his brow, for while his hands were busied with hoe or scythe his active mind was evolving and arranging the sermons for the next Sabbath day. His constant companion about the farm as well as in his visits among the members of his scattered parish, was the little Manning who had been taken ill the night the family arrived in town, now grown to a sturdy lad.

The elder was a firm believer in parental discipline impartially administered, and his own numerous flock were models of good behavior, though Manning, presuming on his position as his father's favorite, sometimes ventured beyond the prescribed bounds and generally to his own discomfiture. One

day there was to be a barn-raising down on the Pingree farm, and the elder, as usual, was to lend a helping hand. Manning wanted to go, too; but his father, fearing lest some harm might happen to him, decided that he must remain at home. But the elder was no sooner out of sight than the boy made up his mind to be a looker-on at the proceedings, though debarred from participating therein by his father's command. Taking the "'cross-lots" route, he stole carefully down on the busy workers from the back side, and managed to bestow himself unseen in a maple tree that stood in the pasture just behind the barn. The fun and frolic went on, and Manning, forgetting caution in interest, thrust his tow-colored head beyond the sheltering leaves, regardless of consequences. It was not long before he rued his reckless procedure, for the elder caught sight of the familiar headpiece of his young hopeful almost immediately. The workmen had seen him, too, and awaited the result of the elder's discovery with considerable interest. There was a duty to be performed, and that was enough for the elder: he walked over to the tree, and the trembling culprit descended. The maple rods were both light and "lissome"—the elder returned to his work, and the boy went home. The maple tree still stands in the pasture, though the elder and his son have been gathered to their fathers "these many years."

The elder had a horror of dancing, and considered it one of the devil's wiles to lure unwary souls; so one winter when a dancing-school was held down near the Sutton line, his hired man, who was a devoted disciple of the Terpsichorean art, had to use all sorts of devices to explain his frequent absences from home. One day when he thought the parson was safely out of the way he shut himself up in the barn and, gaily whistling a dancing tune, began to practise the latest figures. But alas for the unlucky Amos! The parson returned unexpectedly, and scandalized at the ungodly sounds that issued from his premises, quietly investigated. He waited until the tune was finished, and then entered the barn. "Are you often taken so, Amos?" he queried. "Uncle Amos" used to say that he was conscious only of a wish that the floor might open and swallow him, then and there.

The question of the minister's support had been quickly disposed of, thanks to the unselfishness and singleheartedness of

the man, but when it came to that much vexed topic of finishing off the meeting-house—why, that was quite another matter. Inasmuch as the town made more or less use of the building for public purposes, the weight of this burden was not so easily shifted to other shoulders, and dragged its weary way along through numberless town meetings before the house finally reached a state of completeness.

The need of a janitor for the meeting-house became a subject for corporate consideration in the year 1796, and Jesse Dow was appointed to the office, with an annual salary of eight shillings, the town, however, making this proviso, “that if “the doorkeeper of the meeting-house should neglect his duty “in opening and shutting the doors, he shall forfeit his salary.” The following year the town voted “that those inhabitants of “New London that do not belong to the Baptist society so-called in town, have a right to invite preachers of the Gospel “into the meeting-house to preach such a part of the time as “shall be in proportion to the interest they own in the meeting-house.” Post-guides were established this year, and the popular sentiment demanded that the boards on the same be colored green.

Josiah Brown was chosen sealer of weights and measures in 1798, in place of Levi Harvey who had held the office since its institution in 1790. The day following town meeting Levi Everett, collector of taxes for the year 1797, held a public vendue of non-resident lands, occasioned by non-payment of taxes, nearly nine hundred acres being thus forfeited. This non-resident tax was devoted to highway purposes, and was quite an important item in those times, when roadways seem to have been built and discontinued with about equal facility; but as an able-bodied man was allowed only seven cents per hour for labor on the highways, even a small appropriation would cover considerable territory.

As illustrative of the procrastinating spirit which seemed to govern the destinies of the meeting-house doomed to grow old before its time, witness a meeting held December 17, in the year 1798. The principal items in the warrant were relative to the meeting-house and its surroundings, indicating a desire at least to have matters closed up. There were no means of warming the building, and December days are chilly, so the

meeting, after Joseph Colby had been chosen moderator, promptly "adjourned for ten minutes, then to meet at the schoolhouse," where frosted fingers and toes could be thawed out at the blazing fire. The first business transacted was the question of finishing the meeting-house, and the record, exasperating in its inconsistency and brevity, reads, "*Voted* not to finish the meeting-house."

The March meeting for 1799 likewise adjourned to the schoolhouse, and probably for a similar reason. Nine pence on the pound had been the standard rate for collecting the taxes up to this time, but this year they were struck off to Levi Harvey, Jr., at twelve cents on the pound, and it having been decided that the collector should "procure a sufficient bondsman," the name of Capt. John Morgan was presented and accepted as such bondsman. A committee had been previously appointed to treat with Capt. John Woodman to secure the land where the meeting-house stood, and the burying-ground, for the use of the town. Their report, presented at this meeting, offered the exchange of the four and a half acres included in the above grounds for a ten-acre lot of public land near Elder Seamans's house, and was accepted by the town. This vote was ratified and confirmed April 29, 1799, and Joseph Harvey was chosen a committee for the town to convey the ten-acre lot to Capt. John Woodman, and accept in return the said Woodman's conveyance of the meeting-house lot.

The license to retail and mix spirituous liquors, granted by the selectmen to Woodman & Macfarland June 14, 1797, seems to establish the date of the first store. This store was kept by Capt. John Woodman in one of the front rooms of his house, which stood on the site of the old red house at the southerly end of the cemetery. Joseph Greeley had set up a store in Sutton in the early '90s, but most of the trading had been done at Hopkinton when matters at the court made the journey a necessity. There was very little money in circulation at this period, most of the business transacted being done by barter of neat stock or grain. Nearly all the money raised for town purposes was payable in corn or rye, and a set of standard measures were kept at Harvey's mill for this purpose. 'Squire Messer seems to have been something of a trader, and his ancient steelyards are now in the possession of Henry W.

Putney, but there is no record of any other store than Captain Woodman's until 1800.

The fencing of the burying-yard adjoining the church was another instance of delay. Almost every year the matter was brought up in one form or another, and in 1799 the town voted to build the wall fronting the road with faced stone, the north and south ends with ordinary stone, and the west side with logs. An estimate of the cost called for a sober second thought, and at a later meeting the vote was reconsidered. As it was finally built in 1800 horsesheds formed the east and south boundaries of the yard, about thirty feet in the centre of each being a board fence with a gate; the north end had a stone wall, and the west side "a log fence three logs high." The building of the stone wall about the burying-yard in the west part of the town, which had been let out to Ephraim Gile as far back as 1791, was not accomplished until the close of the century.

There were two public vendues of non-resident lands in 1799, about six hundred acres in all being struck off. October 29, Levi Harvey and Benjamin Woodbury, selectmen for New London, and Francis Pingree and Whittier Perkins, selectmen for Wendall (Sunapee), "met and perambulated "the line and renewed the mark and bounds between said "towns from the southwest corner of Springfield to Sunapee "pond." The following spring the inhabitants of that part of Wendall "that lies between the two ponds [Great and Little Sunapee] and New London line," petitioned to be set off to New London, and the town voted to receive them. This was the territory disannexed from Wendall by the legislature in 1804 and added to New London.

The "singing pue" in the meeting-house had shared in the general tribulation up to the close of the century. In 1799 the singers were given "liberty to build the singing pue in the "meeting-house on their own cost for the use of singers to set "in to sing," and the majority were also "impowered to make "and exercise such regulations as is necessary concerning the "singers or said singing pue." Evidently the singers were not anxious to avail themselves of these privileges, and in 1800 the town voted to set the singing pew two feet forward in the front gallery, to build the same at the town's cost, and the remaining seats in the gallery the ensuing season.

“and the town of New London, and found the bounds are now standing. The northerly bound of Fishersfield is a stake and stones on New London line, from thence westerly to a dry pine stub on the east bank of Great Sunapee pond, to the satisfaction of both parties.

“Samuel Gunnison } Selectmen of
 “Timothy Morse } Fishersfield.
 “Levi Harvey } Selectmen of
 “Benjamin Woodbury } New London.”

“November 18th, 1800: This day finished perambulating the line between the town of New London and Kearsarge Gore, begun at the southerly corner of New London at Sutton corner and renewed the marks and monuments to the corner of Danbury and New Chester.

“Levi Harvey } Selectmen of
 “Benjamin Woodbury } New London.
 “Thomas Cross } Selectman of
 } Kearsarge Gore.”

“November 19th, 1800: This day finished perambulating the line between the town of New London and Danbury, begun at the southerly corner of New London at the corner of Danbury and New Chester and renewed the marks and monuments to Grafton line.

“Levi Harvey } Selectmen of
 “Benjamin Woodbury } New London.
 “Samuel Pillsbury } Selectman
 } of Danbury.”

The first taverners' licenses were granted in 1800, and another special license fixes the date of the annual parade of the militia, the common north of the meeting-house serving for a training-ground. The John Russell and Nicholas Holt mentioned in the taverners' licenses lived in the northeast district, now a part of Wilmot.

“November 19th, 1800: This is to certify that we the subscribers do approbate John Russell to keep a tavern in his house in New London where he now lives.

“Levi Harvey } Selectmen for
 “Benjamin Woodbury } New London.”

The second is the same, except that Nicholas Holt is the licensee. Following is the special license :

“ New London, Sept. 2nd, 1800: This may certify that we
 “ the subscribers do approbate Jeremiah Burpee to sell spiritu-
 “ ous liquors in the way of a taverner on the highways or
 “ commons near the meeting-house in New London on the
 “ twenty-fourth, twenty-fifth, & twenty-sixth days of this
 “ instant September or in the house where Samuel Messer
 “ junior now lives.

“ Levi Harvey
 “ Benjamin Woodbury } Selectmen.”
 “ Josiah Brown

One other event demands consideration in this period of the town's existence, though its final termination was not reached until 1812,—the famous controversy concerning the Harvey mill privilege and flowage rights, to which more or less reference has been made in preceding pages. Soon after 1780 Levi Harvey built a saw- and grist-mill on a non-resident's lot at the mouth of Harvey (Clark) pond, under an agreement with certain individuals that they would purchase the land necessary for the mill privilege, and would also defend him in any suits which might arise because of damage on account of flowage from the millponds. Harvey appears to have been quite popular at this time, and to have exercised considerable influence in town affairs. The mills at the “ Hominy Pot ” were the natural business centre, and the majority of the early town meetings were held at Harvey's house. He served as selectman and town clerk for more than a decade, besides holding various minor positions of trust and responsibility.

In 1783 the persons who had bound themselves to Harvey were released, and the town assumed the obligation, giving to the selectmen of that year the power to secure Harvey with a bond similar to the previous individual one. As Harvey himself was one of the selectmen, the bond was executed by the other two, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank and Dea. Ebenezer Hunting. Thus satisfactorily adjusted the matter rested for some years. Then came the time of tribulation. Not only was there a dispute as to the actual ownership of the land where the mills stood, but considerable damage had resulted from flowage, and the parties aggrieved threatened to bring suit against Harvey, who fell back on his bond with the town. Now that the time had come to fulfil its obligations, the town

refused to act, and the burden fell upon Brocklebank and Hunting, who essayed in vain to place the responsibility where it properly belonged.

Matters remained in this unsatisfactory state until 1802, when the town appointed Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Josiah Brown, and Joseph Colby a committee to confer with Harvey and those injured because of his mills, and find out on what terms they would come to a settlement. No suitable compromise could be effected, and the town accordingly voted to let the law take its course. Then the claimant of the land and the parties whose lands had suffered from flowage brought suits against Harvey and recovered damages. He in turn sued the bond signers, Brocklebank and Hunting, the town persisting in ignoring its obvious duty in the premises. A judgment covering the full amount which Harvey had been obliged to pay was rendered in his favor, but as Brocklebank appears to have become impecunious in the mean time, Hunting was held for the payment of the whole sum.

Deacon Hunting, although a man of considerable property, was indignant at the treatment he had received, and refused to pay. Then Harvey resorted to severer measures, and had the deacon arrested for non-payment of the debt. Still the town remained inert, and the deacon lay in jail for more than a year. Becoming convinced at last that it was useless to hold out against Harvey's determination, Deacon Hunting paid the bill and received his release. But he was not one to submit tamely to what he considered an imposition, and he therefore sued the town. The supreme court at length rendered a decision in Hunting's favor, and he recovered from the town the full amount of his claim. To pay this and the costs of the various suits, the town was compelled to raise, by assessment of its polls and real estate, a sum not far from fifteen hundred dollars,—a modest fortune in those days. A special meeting was held in 1812 to see if the town would make good to Deacon Hunting the damage he had sustained because of his imprisonment and give him a sum equivalent to the interest which he had paid on the Harvey execution. The town refusing to do anything in the way of recompense, the matter was dropped then and there, after having been a public grievance in one way or another for more than twenty years.

Through the courtesy of Daniel Shepard Seamans, son of Manning and grandson of Elder Job Seamans, and now in his 79th year, access has been had to a treasured heirloom, the diary kept by Elder Seamans during the greater part of his ministerial life—a most valuable source of information concerning customs and happenings in the years before the remembrance of the grandsires of to-day. The diary is in six volumes,—sheets of paper folded into pages about four by eight inches, neatly stitched together, the handwriting remarkably clear and beautiful—covering, with a few exceptions, the years from 1774 to 1820. There are two events chronicled in 1800 which call for at least a passing notice,—an account of the first celebration of Washington's birthday, and mention of a forest fire which gives an idea how much the farmers of those days suffered from that destructive element.

Under date of Wednesday, August 20, he writes,—“I had a lecture appointed at Brother James Hutchins's in Sutton, but, as the most dreadful drought lays upon us that was ever known in this part of the country, I was obliged to stay at home and watch and fight fire. Saturday, Aug^t 23: Instead of attending my studies, as usual, I had to fight fire all day. Lord's day, Aug^t 24: The fires had gotten to such a height that there was no other way to save my buildings and neighbours but by plowing: so my neighbours came and yoked up a breaking-up team, and plowed around the fire. I attended meeting and preached from Isaiah xxvi: 9, last clause, ‘for when thy judgments are in the earth the inhabitants will learn righteousness.’” Thus fitly did the elder “improve” the opportunity. The account of Washington's birthday is verbatim.

“Saturday, Feb^r 22: General Washington's birthday. The day recommended to the people by President Adams ‘publicly to testify their grief for the death of General George Washington,’ who died 11 Decem^r, 1799. A large number of people attended. Our military paraded: Cavalry in front, with drums muffled and fifes playing a mournful tune. I followed the military company. Then the Masonic brethren—then a large number of citizens. 1. Men, then the company of little boys. Then we marched slowly to the meeting-house, where the company, with inverted arms, opened to

“the right and left, faced inward; then we all went into the meeting-house. Then Captain Gay, with musick, attended the females to the meeting-house. Then I delivered a discourse from 11 Chron., xxxv: last clause in the 24th and all the 25th verse.—‘And he died, and was buried in one of the sepulchres of his fathers.’ I laid down the following proposition, viz.: That it is suitable and proper greatly to lament the deaths of great and good men. In the improvement, I gave a sketch of the life and character of our beloved Washington, then endeavored to improve the national bereavement as well as I could. Then 1. addressed the Masonic brethren. 2. The military. 3. The citizens in general. Everything was performed with decency and solemnity, and I believe everything to satisfaction, if my performances were so.”

CHAPTER III.

NEW LONDON AT THE CLOSE OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY—THE 1800 INVOICE AND TAX LIST—RESIDENTS NOT OWNERS OF REAL ESTATE—NON-RESIDENT TAX-PAYERS—HIGHWAYS—A STROLL OVER THE TOWN IN MAY, 1800, CALLING ON THE INHABITANTS AND NOTING THE HOMES OF THE RESIDENT PROPRIETORS—NAMES OF TOWN OFFICIALS FROM 1779 TO 1800.

No detailed mention of the invoice and taxes of the inhabitants of New London appears on the town book until the year 1800, when a copy of the same was returned to the town clerk. A great deal of interest attaches to this first authentic record of the citizens of that period and their modicum of worldly wealth. In the twenty-one years of its corporate existence—the measure of its minority, as it were—a goodly degree of prosperity had been attained. The early settlers were men of pluck and strength, who had come to the unbroken wilderness and hewn out their own fortunes—fruitful farms and a modest competence, wrought from the soil by honest toil and rigid economy. In 1779 hardly more than a dozen log cabins, with perhaps fifty inhabitants, were included in the township: the census taken in 1800 gives a total of 617 inhabitants, and neat

frame houses had largely replaced the primitive structures that sheltered the pioneer settlers.

The names of 111 tax-payers are found on the invoice list, and 103 of the number paid a poll tax of \$1.33. Israel Hunting, father of Dea. Ebenezer Hunting, and John Adams, Sr., were exempt; James Macfarland paid a tax on his interest in the store kept by Capt. John Woodman; Greene French had land and buildings, but remained a resident of Sutton; James Colby (brother of Joseph) had returned to Hopkinton, his native place, but was taxed for unimproved land and buildings valued at \$100; John Emery was taxed for a cow and two head of young stock, but appears to have been only a transient; Stephen Clay and Jabez Morrill were among the northern settlers, in what was later Wilmot, and were young men who had acquired farms during their minority. Of the 111 tax-payers all but 27 were real-estate owners, and a majority of the latter were young men who resided with their parents.

The amount of stock inventoried in 1800 is an important item of the invoice. Thirty-one men had each a single horse; Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting, Capt. Thomas Currier, Samuel Messer, Esq., Lieut. Thomas Burpee, Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, and Capt. John Woodman had each a pair, or 45 in all. Of the 50 yoke of oxen Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury had three; Capt. Eliphalet Gay and Levi Harvey, Esq., had two yoke each; Capt. John Morgan and Henry Morgan (probably the captain's grandson) owned a yoke in common, and there were 42 single yoke. There were 191 cows, the largest number owned by any one man being six, the property of Capt. Samuel Brocklebank. Of four-year-old neat cattle there were 103, of three-year-olds 122, of two-year-olds 99. Young Jonathan Woodbury had a stallion, and there were 10 four-year-old colts, 18 three-year-olds, and 19 two-year-olds, with three exceptions the property of as many different owners.

In the twenty-five years since the coming of the pioneer settlers 63 acres of tillage had been brought in,—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Eliphalet Woodward, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting, Lieut. Thomas Burpee, Lieut. Levi Everett, Jonathan Everett, and Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard having two acres each. Lieutenant Woodbury, Jonathan Everett, Lieutenant Shepard, and

John Slack harvested each eight tons of hay, out of a total of 235 tons. In addition to the tillage there were 473 acres of pasturage, while the unimproved land and buildings (not including the non-resident land) were valued at \$8,018. The amount of the invoice was \$485.83, representing, on the presumptive basis of 1 per cent., a total valuation, exclusive of the non-resident land, of \$48,583. The rate of taxation is not given, but would appear to have been about \$1.27 per hundred, or a total tax of \$618.69, apportioned as follows: Highway tax, \$335.13; school tax, \$84.05; town tax, \$145.35; state tax, \$54.16. Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury was the largest tax-payer, \$14.54; Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard the next largest, \$10.69. Jonathan Greeley and John Slack each had unimproved land and buildings to the value of \$300.

The list of non-resident tax-payers includes Hannah, widow of Matthew Harvey of Sutton, Capt. Jonas Minot, Col. Matthew Thornton, Daniel Rindge, Joshua Talford, George Jaffrey, William Cross, Jonathan Herrick, William Talford, John Wentworth, Mark H. Wentworth, Richard Wibird, Soley & March, Tombleson & Mason, Jotham Odiorne, Pearce & Moore, John Pearce, Meservey and others, John Rindge, John Moffatt, Theodore Atkinson, Thomas Wallingford, Col. Jonathan Bagley, and David Fellows. They paid, on 11,780 acres, including the hundred-acre lots, Nos. 19, 20, 21, 22, 25, taken from Kearsarge Gore, a total tax of \$54.39; the rate being 1-2 per cent. of the appraised value, the total valuation of the non-resident land may be set at \$10,878. Capt. Jonas Minot paid the largest tax, \$20.05 on 4,315 acres; Col. Matthew Thornton the next largest, \$4.69 on 1,000 acres. The total valuation of the town was \$59,461.

In the old days New London was as liberal in the matter of highways as she is to-day. When clearings had been made and neighborhoods established, the trails by spotted trees, bridle-paths, and cart roads were replaced promptly by highways three rods wide, laid out in most cases along range and lot lines, one half on each side of the line, but sometimes the whole width of a road was taken from one of two adjoining lots. For instance, March 11, 1783, the return of a road from the present Gay corner to Crockett's corner provides that the width of said road shall be one half on the southeasterly and

one half on the northwesterly side of the range line; but in 1779 a highway from Fishersfield (Newbury) line had been laid out with its whole width on the lots of the range lying southeast of the line. This method of establishing public routes of communication between different points in the town continued until 1794, when it was discovered not only that these roads with their sharp angles were too devious and entailed too much travel, but that on the lots lying between their beginning and ending they did not pass sufficiently near the building-spots selected by the owners of these lots for their permanent dwellings. For example, the first highway near Burpee hill, which ran across two ranges nearly parallel with the lot lines, was built along its southerly and westerly slopes, leaving Calvin Burpee (at Fred Farwell's), Lieut. Thomas Burpee (at Ai Worthen's), Daniel March (at Newton L. Sargent's), Nathaniel S. Messer (at Benton M. Stanley's), and the Wendall settlers beyond to reach it as best they might. But in 1794 the course of the highway over Minot's (Colby) hill was changed to accommodate the residents there, in 1797 new and more direct roads were built in the West Part, in 1798 the Burpee Hill and Messer Hill people secured better facilities, and from then till 1800 numerous improvements—at least the majority of the citizens so considered them—were made.

In 1800 the traveller on horseback—for the day of chaises had not come then—might enter New London from Sutton by highway at six points, from Fishersfield at two, from Protect-worth (Springfield) at three, from Danbury at one, from Kearsarge Gore at two. In the northeast district (now Wilmot) three highways had been established, one of which was the "turnpike." There were not many settlers in that part of the town, for in 1800 the only residents taxed there were Robert Fowler, Joseph Webster, John Russell, Jethro Barber, William Clay, Nicholas Holt, Stephen Clay, James Philbrick, Jabez Morrill, Wells Currier, Benjamin Philbrick, Samuel Prescott. All these had houses except Currier, who is taxed for two oxen, one cow, one two-year-old heifer, and one colt. The total highway tax of these northern settlers was \$15.05; their school tax, \$5.11; town tax, \$8.70; state tax, \$3.28. Leaving them for the consideration of the historian of Wilmot,

which town came into corporate existence in 1807 as the composite child of New London and Kearsarge Gore, the tourist interested in New London would pass from the turnpike to Capt. Eliphalet Gay's saw-mill at the outlet of Lake Pleasant by a travelled path which in 1805 became a highway. This mill, built about 1790, was used principally by the Pleasant Street and Low Plain settlers, the latter having a road to it from John Stinson's (Warren Bickford's "Emory Burpee place") which was adopted by the town in 1800.

Passing up this highway past Stinson's to Gay corner, the traveller, after a short rest at Captain (afterwards Major and General) Gay's house, enlivened by a spicy conversation with the eccentric but whole-souled and fearless owner, would turn to the left, call on Penuel Everett (at R. E. Farwell's), notice Lieut. Levi Everett's original location (at John Colby's), have his horse shod and cured of all ailments by Dr. David Smith (at Austin Morgan's "old place"), learn from Dea. Ebenezer Hunting (at a house near the orchard on land now owned by J. E. Shepard) the latest news regarding church and town affairs, or chat for a moment with the deacon's aged father, Israel, and then might go over the Sutton line, by practically the same two routes now open,—to Frank S. Shepard's and the Horace Morey house, the latter course being a new one then just recognized as a highway. But for his present purpose, of learning all he can of New London as it was in 1800, this traveller must retrace his steps a short distance from Deacon Hunting's, turn to the left, and passing over the road built in 1794 call on Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard (at James E. Shepard's), who earned his title in the Revolution, listen to his reminiscences of the minute-men of Massachusetts, then climbing the hill to the southwest visit the comfortable home of the lieutenant's son, Jesse (at Frank W. Todd's), and continue his southwesterly course until at the Sutton line he comes to the road leading to Dea. Matthew Harvey's in that town. Here he will turn to the right, linger a while at the spot where Ensign Nathaniel Everett lived, and wonder at the mysterious providence of this talented man's death in 1791, then pursue his now northerly course to the residence of Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury (at O. D. Crockett's), where he will receive a hearty welcome from a man in the prime of life, who not only

is an authority on military subjects, but also as a justice of the peace decides disputed questions of law for his fellow-citizens and as an innkeeper dispenses refreshments to the weary sojourner.

After dinner the traveller deliberates which of the three routes open to him will be the best; one leads to Minot's square (Hominy Pot), another over Minot's (Colby) hill, the third to Gay corner. His host advises that the afternoon trip be toward Gay corner, then up Minot's hill by the "back road," returning over the height of land to the inn for supper and a night's rest. As is usual in such cases, the landlord's thrifty advice is taken: and the afternoon's visiting includes a call on John Slack (at Austin Morgan's); a glance at William Gay's (at Charles W. Gay's) clearing; a somewhat depressing conversation with Benjamin Straw (at Ransom F. Sargent's), who has just lost his mother (April, 1800); a long talk with Eliphalet Woodward (at Henry Quimby's), who has moved recently from Sutton; and a chat with Dea. Zebedee Hayes and his young sons, James and John (at D. S. Seamans's). Near by Deacon Hayes's the visitor is uncertain which is the right road. The highway seems to divide, one part leading directly west toward a large house (Hotel Sargent), the other to the southwest. Curiosity regarding the large house, however, removes indecision, and the right-hand and more direct way is chosen. After proceeding a short distance a gateway previously unnoticed is reached. The apparent highway is not open to the public! The left-hand road ought to have been taken. The traveller, nothing daunted, however, goes ahead, and at the large house finds Ezekiel Sargent, who explains the apparent division of the highway by telling how the town laid out a road across his lot, cutting it in two; how year after year he fought this new road with varying success,—at one time securing a vote of his fellow-citizens in favor of a route proposed by himself, on the edge of Esquire Brown's land southeast of his own, at another subject to defeat and having the road across his land open; finally, however, by persistent struggling carrying his point. From "Uncle Ezekiel's" the visitor goes southeast, calls on Josiah Brown, Esq. (at the site of the burned academy), who tells him of the time when he first came to town—how he worked on the meeting-house

beyond the valley by day, and slept in its gallery by night. The next house is the new one of Lieut. Joseph Colby (the Colby homestead). Here, the conversation is of the value of New London real estate, of the stock in trade in the lieutenant's house which has just been appraised at \$100, and of Capt. Jonas Minot and his landed interest in the towns of Alexandria and New London. But this long day of late spring is drawing to a close; the sun has almost reached the horizon, and haste is made to give Ebenezer Shepard, Jr. (at James P. Dixon's "old orchard"), and Benjamin Adams (near John W. Morse's) a passing greeting, and Jonathan Greeley (at J. D. and F. O. Prescott's) a short call, and then Woodbury's tavern, its windows illumined with ruddy fire-light, indicative of the good cheer and comfortable lodging within, is at hand.

The next morning, refreshed by a good night's rest, he makes his way to the west, passing Joseph Trussell's farm of 91 acres, recently purchased by him of Nathaniel Fales, notices on his left the clearing made by Eliphalet Lyon and his son John, now owned by Trussell, crosses Lyon brook, passes the Nathaniel Merrill clearing (near A. W. Brown's), and comes to the grist-mill at Minot's square, where he meets Levi Harvey, Esq., talks with him and Levi, Jr., now 26 years old, sees the 'squire's house just above the grist-mill, and hears the strokes of the saw in the saw-mill below. By turning to the left after crossing the bridge "at the tail of the grist-mill," he might have passed through the yard of the saw-mill and on to Sutton, but going to the right, past the house of Joseph Harvey (at Mrs. Fletcher's), he climbs the easterly slope of King's hill, and comes to the house of Robert Knowlton (in the H. R. Gates pasture east of the "gulf"). Beyond this he comes again to the Sutton line, but does not cross it, veering instead to the northwest, and so makes the acquaintance of Capt. Samuel Brocklebank (at E. A. Todd's). Hence he moves on to Capt. John Morgan's (between E. A. Todd's and Belden Morgan's, to the south of the present highway). He sees a road leading to the homes of the Sutton settlers on the westerly side of King's hill, formerly subject to gates and bars but now free from such incumbrances. After an entertaining chat with this bluff old sea-captain, he advances to the

residence of John Morgan, Jr. (a few rods east of Belden Morgan's). Warned by his experience of the preceding day, when he talked so much that not half the intended route was covered, he does not stop to-day for much "visiting," though he would have enjoyed accepting young John's heartily proffered hospitality, but presses on to Ezekiel Knowlton's (at Nathaniel Knowlton's). Here, in a field southwest of the house, he is shown the graves of some of James Lamb's family, predecessors of the Knowltons.

Continuing towards Lake Sunapee, along a highway laid out in 1792, he meets David Gile (on the Hiram Baker farm), and stops for a chat with Jedediah Jewett, who has left his first location, nearer Baker's, and is occupying a more pretentious house (at Horace Hurd's). He obtained from the latter copies of his covenant with Capt. Jonas Minot and of the Minot deed "of even date" under which this veteran pioneer held his original purchase in New London. They were as follows:

"I Jedediah Jewett for my Self my heirs Executers Admin-
 "istrators and Assigns Do hereby on the Penall Sum of one
 "hundred and fifty pound Lawfull money Promise and Engage
 "to and with Jonas Minot of Concord in the County of middle-
 "sex and Province of the Massachusetts his Heirs and
 "Assigns: that I will Settle on the Lot of Land Called and
 "Numbered one Hundred in the Place Called and Granted by
 "the Name of the Addition to Alexandria: In the County of
 "Hillsborough and Province of the Newhampshire and to Pay
 "one thirtyeth Part of the Dutyes and Taxes that has or may
 "Arise for the Bringing forward the Settlement of Said Addi-
 "tion and to Do the Duty of one Settler according to Charter:
 "for which I am to have fifty acres of the Lot of Land before
 "mentioned— and to Draw for fifty acres more out of a Num-
 "ber of Lots according to Custom which Land is Ensured to
 "me by the above Named Jonas Minots obligation of this
 "Date: In witness whereof I have hereunto Setting hand and
 "Seal this thirtyeth Day of May A D 1776—

"Jedediah Jewett

"witnesses

"Jonathan Palmer

"Moses Davis"

“ Know all men by these Presents that whereas Jedediah
 “ Jewet Now Resident in the Place Called and Known by the
 “ Name of Alexandria Addition in the County of Hillsborough
 “ in the Province of Newhampshire Husbandman Has this
 “ Day Bargained and agreed with Jonas Minot of Concord in
 “ the County of Middlesex and Province of the Massachusetts
 “ Bay Gentleman: that he the Said Jedediah Shall and will
 “ Pay for the Said Jonas his heirs or Assignes one thirtyeth
 “ Part of all the Taxes that has or may Arise for mills meeting
 “ houses Preaching Roads Bridges &c, in Said Place Now
 “ Called Alexandria Adition, aforesaid, and that he Shall Doe
 “ one Settlement on the Lot of Land in Said Alexandria Adi-
 “ tion Numbered one Hundred according to the Grant there-
 “ of—and that he the Said Jedediah Shall well and truly Per-
 “ form the Conditions of his Bond gave unto the said Jonas of
 “ Even Date with this Deed, for and in Consideration of Have-
 “ ing this agreement and the Conditions of Said Bond well and
 “ Truly Performed by ye Said Jedediah his heirs & Assigns I Do
 “ hereby Acknowledg Do hereby Remise Release and forever
 “ quitclaim unto him the Said Jedediah his heirs and Assigns
 “ forever Seventy five Acres of the Lot of Land aforesaid on
 “ the Norwesterly Side of Said Lot Numbred one hundred

“ To have and to hold the Same Granted Premises unto him
 “ the Said Jedediah Jewet his heirs and Assigns with the
 “ Apurtenances thereof against the Lawful Claims of the Said
 “ Jonas Minot or any Person Claiming the Same from or
 “ under him, Always Provided the Said Jedediah, Shall well
 “ and Truly Perform the Conditions of his Bond to the Said
 “ Jonas of this Date, or Cause the Same to be Performed. then
 “ this Deed to have full force and Virtue: otherways to be of
 “ None Effect. In witness whereof I Have hereunto Sett my
 “ hand and Seal this twenty fourth Day of may Annodomini
 “ one thousend Seven hundred and Seventy Six Signed
 “ Sealed and Delivered in Presence of us

“ Benj^a Eastman

Jonas Minot

“ Jonathan Palmer

“ Hillsborough ss June 30th 1795 personally apeared the with in
 “ Named Jonas minot and acknowldged this instrement by
 “ him Sined to be his act and Deed before

“ Levi Harvey justis a peace ”

Leaving Mr. Jewett's, and passing the mouths of the roads leading to Fishersfield, on one of which was the original location of Nathaniel Emerson, from whom the Pike brook of to-day was formerly called Emerson's brook, the home of Capt. Thomas Currier (Miss Whitney's summer home) was at hand. Here, and at Lieut. Thomas Pike's just beyond (near Soo-Nipi-Park Lodge), greetings with sturdy patriots of 1776 are exchanged, the landing on Pike's shore, then in frequent use, is pointed out, and the traveller pursues his way on the road to Edmund Davis's (where Edmund's grandson Benjamin lives). Soon after passing Davis's (on a knoll to the west of the burying-ground), the comfortable farmhouse of Amasa Sargent, afterwards Capt. Amasa, came into view, and not far away was that of Ebenezer Sargent,—not Ebenezer the son of Peter, but a distant cousin of Peter's, who moved away from New London soon after 1800. Then passing the West Part burying-ground, he soon came in sight of "Minot's" (Willow Farm), then occupied by Jonas Shepard, and Peter Sargent, Jr.'s (at Benjamin Merrill's), close by. Leaving the old road at its intersection with the new one just laid out, the good horse is turned to the left, then on past Anthony Sargent's (Frank P. Jewett's) and Josiah Davis's (the "old Amos Hastings house"), and dinner is eaten with Jonathan Herrick (at Dr. Ezekiel Morrill's).

After dinner the exact location of the patent line claimed by the Masonian proprietors, which passed through the Herrick clearing, was traced out, the guest made his acknowledgments, crossed to Wendall, passed the residence of Nathaniel Fales (at Lakeside), and continued his northerly course on the highway to Ebenezer Hazelton's corner (on the easterly slope of Davis hill, near the "old Ai Worthen place"). Turning squarely to the right and east, he descended to the valley, climbed Burpee hill, and passed the clearing (opposite Gilman H. Whitney's) of the Mr. Hersey whom tradition says was the first settler on that elevation, but who had disappeared before this corner of Wendall became a part of New London in 1804. On the top of this hill he again noted the location of the patent line, then called on the families of Nathaniel S. Messer (at Benton M. Stanley's), Daniel March (at Newton L. Sargent's), Lieut. Thomas Burpee (at Ai Worthen's), Calvin

Burpee (at Fred Farwell's), Asa Burpee (at Miss Catherine Whittemore's), Samuel Norris (near the present Norris corner). Ascending yet another hill, then as now crowned with three pleasant residences, he made the acquaintance of Lieut. Samuel Messer and his sons, James How and Zaccheus. At the easterly base of Messer hill he found Jesse Dow (at Daniel Bickford's) busy at the anvil in his blacksmith shop, at whose house he was entertained royally that night. In the evening he had opportunity to visit the store and tavern of Woodman & Macfarland (at the site of the old red house), where he met Samuel Messer, Jr., who lived opposite the meeting-house, and Henry Achilles, whose modest home was near by (at Mrs. Gilman Smith's); went with his host, who was pound-keeper, to witness the reclaiming of a stray cow from the pound back of the meeting-house, there to learn that the "bog road," so called, leading to Capt. Samuel Brocklebank's, which started from near the pound, had been laid out in 1788, and to ascertain that there had been some difference of opinion relative to the best location of the southeasterly end of the new road "from 'Squire Messer's to the meeting-house," this new road having replaced the original highway which had been built farther east,—about half-way down the hill toward Mrs. Frances H. Keil's residence. He had purposed calling on Dr. Cushing, who had come to town quite recently, but the busy doctor had just been summoned to an important case.

The third and last day occupied by this tour began with a trip northeasterly from Dow's corner, over the "Hutchins road" to Minot's hill, thence northwesterly, past the land on the left, formerly owned by Lieut. William Hutchins (the Mrs. Phebe Morgan farm and theouselots northwest of it on the Main street of to-day), and the residence of Peter and Ebenezer Sargent (at Mrs. Keziah Sargent's) on the right, Stephen Sargent's, also on the right (at Frank W. Knowlton's), Jonathan Everett's (at Capt. Andrew J. Sargent's), and James B. Colby's unoccupied buildings (at Dea. Edwin F. Messer's). Just before reaching the last named a slight turn to the left was made (along the line between Dea. Edwin F. Messer and Capt. Baxter Gay). The houses of Moses Adams (now the Glengae farm) and of John Adams and John Adams, Jr. (at Fred Baxter Gay's), were reached next. Looking southwest



MT. KEARSARGE AND LAKE PLEASANT.
As seen from Morgan Hill.

from the Adamses, James Brocklebank's residence (at Anthony C. Philbrick's) was in full view. There were no houses or clearings between there and Norris corner, so this excursionist faced to the north, called on Ensign Solomon Adams (at C. W. Bucklin's) and Lieut. Levi Everett (at Albert Hunting's), then turned to the left, passed Jonathan Adams's (at John H. Ellis's), and then followed the road by Little Sunapee to Joseph Wood's (near Luther M. Ray's). From there he countermarched to Ensign Solomon Adams's, faced to the north once more, and after a long upward climb came to John Dole's (at Moses Messer's) and Joseph Messer's (on the summit of Morgan hill).

Having dined with Mr. Messer, he returned by the same road until he struck the path leading to the head of Lake Pleasant. This he followed to the house of Benjamin Bunker (at Hiram Sargent's), where he found the end of a highway leading back over Minot's hill. This he entered, passed the site of the Joseph Colby log house (below Stephen J. Dean's), called at Abner Whittier's (at David Baldwin's), saw "the tall Mr. Segur" (just below George W. Sargent's), talked with John Sargent (between George R. and Nelson B. MacFarland's), passed the time of day with Ezekiel Knowlton and his wife Mehitabel (at John D. Pingree's), found Jeremiah Pingree at home, and ascertained that to complete his circuit there were only two more houses to visit, Benjamin Moody Clement's (at Dea. Seth Littlefield's) and Elder Job Seamans's (at Christopher C. Gardner's). At the former he received a hearty but quiet greeting; at the latter he passed the evening, talking theology, doctrines, and practical ethics with the elder, and in the morning departed from the town with the good man's blessing.

The above fiction is none the less history, except in its most minute details. A traveller journeying through New London during the month of May, 1800, might have seen these very people at the places indicated, and stopping to chat would have naturally chosen such topics of conversation as are mentioned. Except from Morgan hill to Pleasant street the suggested route follows established highways, and he who bowls over the smooth roads of to-day in his comfortable carriage, or on the swift and silent steed of the present generation,

will find the way no less pleasant than did the more leisurely traveller of 1800.

Before passing to the biographical sketches and genealogies of the families of this period, it is as well, perhaps, to learn the names of those who served New London as her town officials from 1779 to 1800. The list opens naturally with the

Moderators.

1779.—Aug. 3, Lieut. Samuel Messer.

1780.—March 14, Lieut. Samuel Messer; April 24, Lieut. Samuel Messer; June 20, Lieut. Levi Harvey.

1781.—March 13, Lieut. Samuel Messer; March 26, Ebenezer Hunting; Sept. 24, Lieut. Levi Harvey.

1782.—March 12, Lieut. Samuel Messer.

1783.—March 11, Lieut. Levi Harvey; May 20, Lieut. Levi Harvey; July 1, Nathaniel Everett.

1784.—March 9, Capt. John Morgan; June 8, Capt. John Morgan.

1785.—March 8, Lieut. Samuel Messer; Sept. 13, Capt. John Morgan.

1786.—March 14, Lieut. Samuel Messer; March 28, Lieut. Samuel Messer; April 25, Capt. John Morgan; May 9, Lieut. Samuel Messer; July 3, Lieut. Levi Harvey; Aug. 31, Capt. John Morgan.

1787.—March 13, Capt. John Morgan; May 4, Ebenezer Hunting; June 1, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank; Sept. 24 and 28, Capt. John Morgan.

1788.—March 11, Capt. John Morgan; March 24, Capt. John Morgan; Nov. 25, Capt. John Morgan; Dec. 16, Capt. John Morgan.

1789.—March 10, Lieut. Samuel Messer; May 25, Capt. John Morgan; June 12, Capt. John Morgan.

1790.—March 9, Capt. John Morgan; Aug. 30, Capt. John Morgan; Dec. 13, Capt. John Morgan.

1791.—March 8, twice adjourned, Benjamin Adams; Sept. 12, Capt. John Morgan; Oct. 1, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank.

1792.—March 13, Capt. John Morgan; April 3, Capt. John Morgan; Aug. 27, Thomas Pike.

1793.—March 11, Lieut. Samuel Messer; May 9, Benjamin Woodbury; Nov. 22, Thomas Burpee.

1794.—March 11, Thomas Pike; April 15, Joseph Colby; May 5, Capt. John Morgan; July 17, Ebenezer Shepard; Dec. 8, Ebenezer Shepard.

1795.—March 10, Lieut. Samuel Messer; March 26, Capt. Eliphalet Gay; March 26 (New London and Sutton), Dea. Ebenezer Hunting; April 15, Benjamin Woodbury; May 7, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting; June 24, Ebenezer Sargent; Sept. 15, Benjamin Adams; Dec. 15, Joseph Colby.

1796.—March 8, Lieut. Samuel Messer; April 19, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Nov. 7, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting.

1797.—March 14, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Aug. 28, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Sept. 13, Capt. Eliphalet Gay; Oct. 30, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury.

1798.—Jan. 1, Capt. John Morgan; March 13, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Aug. 27, Joseph Colby; Dec. 17, Joseph Colby.

1799.—March 12, Joseph Colby; April 29, Lieut. Thomas Pike; May 29, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Aug. 19, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Nov. 18, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury.

1800.—March 11, Joseph Colby; April 23, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; June 30, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; July 26, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Aug. 25, Capt. Eliphalet Gay; Oct. 13, Lieut. Joseph Colby; Oct. 26, Lieut. Thomas Burpee.

Town Clerks.

1779-1783, Ebenezer Hunting; 1784-1800, Lieut. Levi Harvey.

Selectmen.

1779.—Lieut. Samuel Messer, Benjamin Eastman, Nathaniel Everett.

1780.—Lieut. Samuel Messer, Nathan Goodwin, Ebenezer Hunting.

1781.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Capt. John Morgan, Nathan Goodwin.

1782.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Nathan Goodwin, Ebenezer Hunting.

1783.—Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank, Lieut. Levi Harvey, Ebenezer Hunting.

1784.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank, Ebenezer Hunting.

1785.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank, Ebenezer Hunting.

1786.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Capt. John Morgan, John Adams.

1787.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank, Ensign Nathaniel Everett.

1788.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, John Adams, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank.

1789.—Lieut. Samuel Messer, Peter Sargent, Jonathan Everett.

1790.—Capt. John Morgan, Benjamin Adams, Peter Sargent.

1791.—Capt. John Morgan, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Joseph Colby.

1792.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Joseph Colby, Ensign Thomas Currier.

1793.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Joseph Colby, Thomas Burpee, Jr.

1794.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Levi Everett.

1795.—Levi Everett, Peter Sargent, Robert Knowlton.

1796.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Levi Everett, Anthony Sargent.

1797.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Anthony Sargent.

1798.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Ensign Thomas Currier.

1799.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Ensign Thomas Currier.

1800.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Josiah Brown.

Constables and Collectors.

1779, Nathan Goodwin; 1780, Jedediah Jewett; 1781, Nathaniel Everett; 1782, Lieut. Samuel Messer; 1783, Peter Sargent; 1784, Ebenezer Hunting; 1785, Ephraim Gile; 1786, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank; 1787, Capt. John Morgan; 1788, Capt. John Morgan; 1789, John Adams, Jr.; 1790, James How Messer; 1791, Ensign Thomas Currier; 1792, Capt. John Morgan; 1793, Capt. John Morgan; 1794, Ebenezer Sargent; 1795, Ebenezer Sargent; 1796, Lieut. Ebenezer

Shepard; 1797, Levi Everett; 1798, Levi Everett; 1799, Levi Harvey, Jr.; 1800, Levi Harvey, Jr.

Town Treasurers.

1779, Nathaniel Everett; 1780, Ebenezer Hunting; no one else chosen until after 1800.

Highway Surveyors.

1779.—Ephraim Gile, John Austin.

1780.—Nathan Goodwin, Nathaniel Everett.

1781.—Lieut. William Hutchins, Ebenezer Hunting.

1782.—Jacob Hadley, Ebenezer Hunting, Lieut. Samuel Messer.

1783.—Capt. John Morgan, Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank, Nathaniel Everett.

1784.—Ephraim Gile, Anthony Sargent, John Ordway, John Adams, Jr., Levi Everett.

1785.—Jedediah Jewett, Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank, Nathaniel Everett, John Adams, Jr., John Austin, Jr.

1786.—Capt. Eliphalet Gay, Edmund Davis, Lieut. William Hutchins, John Austin, John Austin, Jr.

1787.—James Brocklebank, Asa Burpee, Ensign Nathaniel Everett, Ephraim Gile, Ebenezer Sargent.

1788.—Joseph Colby, Ebenezer Hunting, James Lamb, Josiah Davis, John Dole.

1789.—Ebenezer Sargent, Jonathan Herrick, Benjamin Adams, Robert Knowlton, Israel Hunting.

1790.—Ensign Thomas Currier, James Brocklebank, John Slack, Ezekiel Knowlton, John Morgan, Jr., James How Messer.

1791.—Thomas Pike, Zebedee Hayes, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Capt. Eliphalet Gay, Solomon Adams, Robert Knowlton.

1792.—Capt. John Morgan, Jonathan Everett, Nathaniel S. Messer, Jonathan Adams, Amasa Sargent, Levi Everett, John Russell.

1793.—Anthony Sargent, Benjamin Adams, John Dole, Jonathan Everett, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Nicholas Holt, David Gile.

1794.—Ebenezer Sargent, Abner Whittier, David Smith,

Moses Adams, Thomas Burpee, Josiah Chandler, Thomas Pike.

1795.—Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, Peter Sargent, Jr., Robert Knowlton, Ezekiel Knowlton, Ezekiel Sargent, Joseph Messer, Lieut. Thomas Burpee.

1796.—Zaccheus Messer, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Caleb Segur, John Adams, Jr., Ebenezer Sargent, Jr., Robert Knowlton, Zebedee Hayes, John Russell.

1797.—James Brocklebank, Joseph Colby, Ensign Thomas Currier, Levi Everett, Benjamin Adams, Moody Clement, Jonathan Herrick, Jonathan Greeley.

1798.—Edmund Davis, Henry Morgan, Nathaniel S. Messer, Caleb Segur, John Adams, Jr., Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Capt. Eliphalet Gay, Ebenezer Shepard, James Philbrick.

1799.—David Gile, Peter Sargent, Jesse Dow, Solomon Adams, Ezekiel Knowlton, Joseph Colby, Josiah Brown.

1800.—Jonathan Woodbury, Capt. Eliphalet Gay, John Sargent, Capt. John Woodman, Stephen Sargent, Anthony Sargent, Benjamin Straw, James Philbrick, Lieut. Thomas Pike.

Hogreeves.

1780.—Thomas Whittier.

1781.—Ephraim Gile.

1782.—None chosen.

1783.—Ephraim Gile.

1784.—John Ordway.

1785.—Lieut. Levi Harvey, Lieut. Samuel Messer.

1786.—Ezekiel Knowlton.

1787.—Ephraim Gile.

1788.—Calvin Burpee.

1789.—Ebenezer Sargent.

1790.—Ebenezer Sargent, Solomon Adams, John Slack.

1791.—Jedediah Jewett, Capt. Eliphalet Gay.

1792.—Josiah Davis, John Dole, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury.

1793.—David Gile, Jonathan Everett.

1794.—Ezekiel Knowlton, Capt. Eliphalet Gay.

1795.—Ebenezer Sargent, David Smith, Ebenezer Shepard, Jonathan Adams.

1796.—Lieut. Thomas Burpee, David Gile, Lieut. Benjamin

Woodbury, Jonathan Adams, John Slack, Ezekiel Knowlton, Amasa Sargent.

1797.—William Gay, Jesse Dow, Abner Whittier, Ebenezer Sargent, David Gile, Richard Maybery.

1798.—Moses Adams, Richard Maybery, Ezekiel Knowlton, Jr.

1799.—Josiah Davis, Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, Jesse Dow, Jesse Shepard, Lieut. Levi Harvey.

1800.—Solomon Adams, Jesse Dow, Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, Ezekiel Knowlton, Jr.

Tithingmen.

1783.—Capt. John Morgan.

1784.—None chosen.

1785.—None chosen.

1786.—None chosen.

1787.—None chosen.

1788.—Lieut. Samuel Messer.

1789.—Capt. John Morgan, Lieut. Samuel Messer.

1790.—Jonathan Everett, Peter Sargent, Jr.

1791.—Jonathan Everett.

1792.—Jonathan Herrick, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury.

1793.—Benjamin Adams, Ebenezer Sargent.

1794.—Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, Abner Whittier.

1795.—Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, Jonathan Everett, Eleazer Cheney.

1796.—Benjamin Adams, Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, Jeremiah Pingree.

1797.—David Smith, Jeremiah Pingree.

1798.—Ezekiel Knowlton, Peter Sargent, Jr., Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard.

1799.—Ezekiel Knowlton, John Dole.

1800.—Ezekiel Knowlton, John Adams, Jr.

Sealers of Weights and Measures.

1790-1797, Lieut. Levi Harvey; 1798, Josiah Brown.

Auditors.

1793.—Lieut. Thomas Pike, Lieut. Levi Harvey.

Grand Jurors.

1793, Lieut. Joseph Colby ; 1794, Lieut. Joseph Colby ; 1795, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury ; 1796, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury ; 1797 and 1798, none chosen ; 1799, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury ; 1800, Capt. Eliphalet Gay.

Petit Jurors.

1793, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury ; 1794, Capt. John Morgan, Ezekiel Knowlton ; no others chosen.

Field Drivers.

1794.—James Brocklebank, Jedediah Jewett.

1795.—David Gile, Zaccheus Messer.

1796.—Jedediah Jewett, Jesse Shepard.

1797.—Ebenezer Sargent, Zaccheus Messer.

1798.—Josiah Davis, Ezekiel Knowlton, Jr.

1799.—None chosen.

1800.—Anthony Sargent, Asa Burpee.

Fence Viewers.

1794.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Lieut. Thomas Pike.

1795.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Lieut. Thomas Pike.

1796.—James How Messer, Jesse Dow, John Slack.

1797.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Ensign Thomas Currier, Ezekiel Knowlton.

1798.—Benjamin Adams, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Lieut. Thomas Pike.

1799.—Lieut. Thomas Pike, John Slack, Lieut. Thomas Burpee.

1800.—Capt. Thomas Currier, Zaccheus Messer.

Pound-Keeper.

1796.—Jesse Dow.

Surveyors of Lumber.

1796.—Josiah Brown, Lieut. Levi Harvey, Levi Everett.

1797.—Josiah Brown, Lieut. Levi Harvey.

1798.—Josiah Brown, Levi Everett.

1799.—Josiah Brown, Levi Harvey, Jr., Joshua Currier, Penuel Everett.

1800.—Josiah Brown, Lieut. Thomas Pike.

Sealers of Leather.

1799.—Lieut. Thomas Pike, Capt. Eliphalet Gay.

CHAPTER IV.

ORIGIN, DESCENT, AND FAMILIES OF THE RESIDENT LAND-OWNERS IN THE YEAR 1800, AND OF THOSE MEN WHO ARE KNOWN TO HAVE LIVED IN TOWN BEFORE THAT YEAR BUT WHO WERE THEN DECEASED OR HAD REMOVED TO OTHER PLACES.

As even the casual reader has now learned, the aim of this volume is to give the history of New London, her institutions and inhabitants, by periods. These periods are of about 25 years each,—1779 to 1800, 1801 to 1825, 1826 to 1850, 1851 to 1875, 1876 to 1896. The early history of the town from 1779 to 1800 has been given already, and the establishment of highways, mills, shops, store, schools, meeting-house, and church has been noticed. It is now time to learn more of the inhabitants during those earliest years, and of their families. In these genealogies some, but not all, of the customary abbreviations will be used; thus b. is for born, m. for married, d. for deceased. The word son is written and printed in full, but daughter is abbreviated to dau. Reside and resided are each shortened to res. N. L. is for New London.

If a son of any parent of any period, except, of course, the last, married and became an owner of real estate in town for a sufficient length of time, say five years, a short biographical sketch of that son and a record of his family will be given with the other sketches of the period to which the years of his realty holdings belong, and there full references to preceding pages will show his ancestry, so that his genealogy may be traced readily. If the husband of a daughter of any parent of any period is or becomes a real-estate owner in New

London during that or a subsequent period, an account of that daughter's family will be found under the name of her husband in the appropriate period, and references to the daughter's parentage will enable her genealogy to be traced. Those sons and daughters who have removed from New London will be followed only as far as their relatives and friends remaining here have furnished the necessary data, and their records will be closed under their fathers' names. The arrangement of the families of each period is alphabetical.

Through the courtesy of Mr. Otis G. Hammond of the office of Hon. Albert Stillman Batchellor, editor of state papers, a plan showing how the Addition of Alexandria, and consequently the original New London, was divided into ranges and lots, as well as the numbers of the lots, is given below :



June ye 1: 1773 This Plan Sheweth ye Number of Lotts in the addition of Alaxandrea Joyning on the South westerly Sid of Said Alaxandr and the Easton side of the Patten Line to Grate Sunipe Pond then by Said Pond to fisherfield then Easterly on fisherfeald to Parryton North Line then Down Parrytown Line Easterly to a Beach Tree marked thence North 39 Degrees East to a beach tree which is the Corner of Said alaxandra: it is Divided in to 137 Lotts Each Lott Containing 150 acrs Numbered as is Set Down in the Plan Lay^d Down by a Scale of one Mild to one Inch and as Covenant as the Land wold allow I Laid Tew Senter Squars of Ten acrs Each for Publick Uses as marked in the Plan the Ponds are as near as Posable Laid in their Shape and Bignes and the Streems Drawd as thay Run throw Said Land Said Streems Run Easterly from the Patten Line mesured by me

Jeremiah Page Svayar of Land

John Tolford and Robart Mcmrphey Junr Cheen man

In the plan the range lines (which in 1896 by reason of the variation in the declination of the magnetic needle are north 45 degrees east instead of "North 39 Degrees East" as they were in 1773) are continuous; the lot lines on the ranges are dotted. Lots 43, 55, and 86 were laid out in "two Peacs Each by Reason of Ponds Taken away Land out of them." The range lines were run and marked. The ends of the lot lines on the ranges were indicated on the range lines by spotted trees and stakes. Frequent references to the lot numbers on this plan are made in the following sketches of the New London pioneers.

Mr. Hammond has also furnished copies of other old documents relating to New London, and one of these supplies the reason why, as mentioned on *p.* 11, "the names of Heidleburg and New London were used indiscriminately" by the town's earliest inhabitants, and why the London (England) map of New Hampshire published in 1768, and the Blanchard and Langdon map prepared at Portsmouth in 1761, designated the territory of this section as "Heidleburg." It is a transcript from the Masonian Papers (Vol. VII, *p.* 91), and is nothing less than a grant by the Masonian proprietors to William Symes, Esq., and others, of the tract of land lying southwest of the original Alexandria, and "said Tract or Township is Call'd Hiddleburg." The date of this charter is June 5, 1753.

The Pioneers and Their Families.

ACHILLES, HENRY.—Tradition has it that there was a Henry Achilles with Burgoyne when he surrendered (Oct., 1777) to General Gates at Saratoga, and that with the disbanding of the army Achilles wandered about the country, seeking a home in "the land of the free," and finally settled in N. L. So much for tradition, for there is no mention of a Henry Achilles in the town records until the year 1800, when the name is given in the list of tax-payers. This Henry is the one mentioned by Elder Seamans in his diary as "Henry Achilles, Jr.," on the occasion of his marriage, May 8, 1798, to Patty, dau. of Lieut. Thomas and Joanna (Foster) Burpee, b. at Rowley, Jan. 12, 1781. They res. at the Lieutenant Burpee homestead for a time, but in 1800 were living on Summer street, in the house built and previously occupied by Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury and occupied to-day (June 1, 1896) by Mrs. Gilman Smith.

Achilles had a farm later in the parcel of land disannexed from Wendall in 1804, and reappears in the N. L. tax-list in 1805. The next year he sold this farm to Isaac Messer, and the story has been handed down how his wife refused at first to sign the deed, but was brought to terms by the gift of a silk handkerchief. Achilles then lived in the Low Plain district for two years, where Patty Achilles d., March 20, 1809, aged 28. In 1810, Achilles, who had m. (2) Elisa Smith, and Theodore Abbot, who had just m. Polly Burpee, a younger sister of Patty, bought a lot of 108 acres in the edge of Springfield (just north of George Fisher's), Henry giving a bonus of three days' work and a gallon of rum for the northerly half. In 1812 he returned to N. L., and lived in a log house a little northeast of the four corners near Belden Morgan's,—a spot still marked by ancient apple-trees. His second wife had considerable repute as a fortune-teller, and brewed many a cup of tea for maidens anxious as to their matrimonial prospects. Henry Achilles last appears in the 1813 tax-list, when he had sold off all his stock, but retained his land, which was in lot No. 87. It is not known certainly what became of the family, but the land was taxed to Elisa Achilles as a non-resident for three years, and then passed to Jonathan Rowell. Long years afterwards a stranger called at the blacksmith-shop of John M. Dow, announced himself as a son of the Henry Achilles who used to live in N. L., and having visited the cemetery carried away a chipping of slate from the well-preserved headstone of his young mother, Patty Achilles. Henry Achilles's children were,—

1. Tryphenia, b. Aug. 4, 1799.
2. Alford, b. Aug. 9, 1801.
3. Alburtons, b. April 12, 1803.
4. Henry, b. Nov. 21, 1806.
5. Samuel B., b. Jan. 11, 1812.

ADAMS, BENJAMIN.—Benjamin, the second son of John and Sarah (Brocklebank) Adams, mentioned below, was b. Feb. 19, 1751. He appears to have located first on Minot's (Colby) hill, probably at the southeasterly end of Alvin F. Messer's "ridge" in lot No. 59. In 1801 he was in the western school district, a little east of Belden Morgan's on the opposite side of the highway. He was quite prominent in town and church matters. He removed later to Tunbridge, Vt., but both he and

Judith, his wife, are buried in the N. L. cemetery. Benjamin d. Feb. 25, 1819, aged 68; Judith d. Nov. 15, 1823, aged 75. Their children were,—

1. Benjamin, b. Sept. 1, 1773; m. and moved to Tunbridge, Vt., in 1799, where he d. in October, 1825.
2. Judith, b. Feb. 12, 1775; m. David Hobson, April 13, 1799, and res. in N. L.
3. Matthew, b. Dec. 17, 1778; m. Rebekah Dow about 1801; res. with his father and paid taxes in 1801 and 1802; no further record.
4. Elizabeth, b. Sept. 10, 1780.
5. Mary, b. May 21, 1782; m. Levi Harvey, Jr., April 30, 1801, and res. in N. L.
6. Hannah B., b. Aug. 18, 1786; d. July 27, 1829.
7. Theophilus, b. Feb. 18, 1789; m., about 1807, Jemima, dau. of Robert and Jemima Knowlton, and res. in N. L.
8. Jeremiah, b. April 15, 1793; removed to Massachusetts and m., but res. afterwards in N. L.

ADAMS, JOHN.—The oldest representative of the Adams family in N. L. was the John Adams who came from Rowley, Mass., soon after 1780. This John was the fourth child and eldest son of John and Sarah (Pearson) Adams, and the fourth generation from Robert Adams of Newbury, Mass. He was b. in Rowley, April 12, 1721; m. three times, and raised a large family, five of his sons—John, Benjamin, Solomon, Moses, Jonathan—locating with him in N. L. John was selectman in 1786 and 1788, and held several minor offices. According to the town records he was on the “Baker place,” lot No. 107, in 1784, and probably built the house whose foundations can still be seen near the “Brocklebank,” the spacious summer hotel erected in 1896 by the present owner of the “Baker place,” Fred Baxter Gay. John Adams d. Sept. 28, 1803, at the ripe age of 82. His first wife was Sarah Brocklebank, by whom he had,—

1. John, b. Sept. 29, 1749; m. Molly Brocklebank, and res. in N. L.
2. Benjamin, b. Feb. 19, 1751; m. and res. in N. L.
3. Sarah, b. March 23, 1753; m. James Brocklebank, and res. in N. L.
4. Lois, b. Nov. 15, 1754; m., Nov. 15, 1774, Daniel Perkins of Boxford, Mass.

John Adams m. (2) (published May 24, 1755) Elizabeth Kilborn of Rowley, and had,—

5. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 29, 1756.
6. Jane, b. May 25, 1757; m., Dec. 13, 1781, John Sawyer Blaisdell of Newbury, Mass.
7. Solomon, b. March 4, 1759; m. Molly Bancroft, and res. in N. L.
8. Jedediah, b. Jan. 18, 1761; d. Oct. 31, 1765.
9. Mary, b. Nov. 23, 1763; m. (published June 2, 1783) Silas Plummer of Haverhill, Mass.

Sept. 28, 1764, John Adams m. his third wife, Mrs. Meribah Stickney, widow of Samuel Stickney of Bradford, Mass. She d. in N. L., July 21, 1803, at the age of 77, and lies in the village cemetery with her last husband. They had,—

10. Moses, b. July 21, 1765; m. Dolly, dau. of Benjamin and Apphia Perley, of Rowley, Mass., and res. in N. L.
11. Jonathan, b. Sept. 27, 1767; m. Phebe, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Jane Brocklebank, and res. in N. L.

ADAMS, JOHN, JR.—John Adams, Jr., first child and oldest son of John and Sarah (Brocklebank) Adams, b. Sept. 29, 1749, was published with Molly Brocklebank (possibly a sister of Capt. Samuel Brocklebank), Dec. 22, 1776. They res. in Rowley until 1783, when they removed to N. L. and settled in the near neighborhood of the elder John, who was on the “Baker place,” lot No. 107, which would seem to have become the property of John, Jr., after his father’s death in 1803. He held numerous town offices, being first chosen constable in 1789. John d. March 15, 1821, aged 72; Molly d. July 27, 1840, aged 87. Their children were,—

1. Betsey, b. Rowley, Aug. 23, 1778; was blind, and never m., making her home in later years with her youngest sister, Polly (Mrs. Seth Freeman Sargent); she d. Jan. 8, 1850, aged 71.
2. Hepzibah, b. Rowley, Feb. 20, 1780; was nearly blind, and d. at the homestead, of cancer, May 16, 1830, aged 50.
3. Patty (Martha), b. Rowley, Feb. 19, 1782; m. Daniel Bickford, Nov. 27, 1806, and res. in N. L.
4. Jane, b. N. L., April 8, 1784; m. Robert Coburn, of Wheelock, Vt., Nov. 26, 1807, and res. on the A. J. Kidder farm in Springfield. They had,—
 - (1). Betsey, never m., and d. in 1872, of cancer, at J. Johnson Sargent’s.
 - (2). Asa, went to Littleton, where he m. and had children.
 - (3). Joan, m. Mr. Marshall and went West.

- (4). John, went to Penacook, where he m. twice but has no children.
- (5). Irene, never m., and is deceased.
- (6). Cyrus, went to Willimantic, Conn., m. and had children.
- (7). Hattie, m. three times, her last husband being Jeremiah Haines, and d. in Bristol.
- (8). Charles, went to Fall River, Mass., m. and had one child.
5. Hezekiah, b. June 20, 1786; m., Dec. 17, 1812, Peggy (Margaret) Stinson, dau. of John and Nancy Stinson, and res. in N. L.
6. Irene, b. Jan. 19, 1791; was blind, and never m.; d. at the homestead, May 20, 1813, aged 22.
7. Thomas, b. Feb. 25, 1796; d. March 6, 1797.
8. Polly, b. Aug. 29, 1799; m. Seth Freeman Sargent, Nov. 16, 1823, and res. in N. L.

ADAMS, JONATHAN.—Jonathan was the youngest son of John and Mrs. Meribah (Stickney) Adams, mentioned above, and was b. Sept. 27, 1767. He came to N. L. with his father, and, March 24, 1789, m. Phebe, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Jane Brocklebank, b. July 3, 1769. He settled near his father's, probably at the John Ellis place in lot No. 108. He was one of the singers chosen by the town in 1788 to assist in the church services. Phebe bore him three children, and d. Feb. 27, 1807, after Jonathan had removed to Tunbridge, Vt. He m. (2) Abigail Weymouth, b. Feb. 29, 1776. Jonathan d. in Tunbridge, Feb. 28, 1842; Abigail d. Feb. 1, 1864. The three children of Jonathan and Phebe (Brocklebank) Adams—Rebekah, Rapsima, and John—are the first recorded in the town's first book of vital statistics.

ADAMS, MOSES.—Meribah, the third wife of the older John Adams, mentioned above, bore him two sons, Moses and Jonathan. Moses was his tenth child and fifth son, b. July 21, 1765, so that he was but a youth when he came to N. L. Later, he made a home on the "Glengae" farm, lot No. 95, now owned by Capt. Baxter Gay. Quite a tract on this lot had been cleared already by David Howe of Boston, but there was no house on the clearing. Adams took his deed from Howe, and built a house and barn quite a distance south of the present "Glengae," which was built by Benjamin W. Gay some years subsequent to his purchase of the farm. Moses Adams lived afterwards with his oldest son, Moses, in the present George

W. Tilton house, a short distance east of the old home. Moses was twice married, his first wife being Dolly Perley of Boxford, Mass., dau. of Benjamin and Apphia Perley of Rowley, whom he m. March 18, 1790. She bore him three children, and d. Jan. 19, 1799, aged 37. Moses m. (2), Nov. 17, 1799, Hannah Flanders, who d. Oct. 4, 1840, aged 67; Moses d. March 24, 1858, aged 93. His children were,—

1. Anna, b. Jan. 29, 1791; d. March 19, 1813.
2. Moses, Jr., b. Aug. 22, 1792; m., Dec. 29, 1819, Betsey, dau. of John and Nancy Stinson, and res. in N. L.
3. Cyrus, b. July 7, 1795; was "of Grafton" May 11, 1820, when he m. Nancy Stinson (sister of Betsey, his brother's wife), and res. there.
4. Hannah, b. March 20, 1803; m. Dec. 31, 1833, Benjamin Perley of Springfield, son of Paul and Sally (Story) Perley, and d. July 8, 1841.
5. Belinda, b. May 8, 1808; d. Aug. 10, 1810.
6. Myra, b. Aug. 17, 1811; never m.; d. at Grafton, aged about 70 years.

ADAMS, SOLOMON.—Solomon was the third son of John Adams, and the third child by his second wife, Elizabeth Kilborn. He was born March 4, 1759, did good service in the Revolutionary war before he was twenty, and was published with Molly Bancroft of Rowley, Aug. 18, 1779. Coming to N. L. with his father and brothers soon after 1780, he cleared the land around Bucklin's corner, on lot No. 108, a little northeast from his father's house on the "Baker place." He first built a barn on the southwesterly side of the field opposite the C. W. Bucklin house, but finding no water there after several trials, changed his location to a spot near the willow tree which is still standing at the corner. Solomon lived here several years, and then sold his farm and buildings to Ebenezer Sargent, who made his home in the old house while he was erecting the dwelling which has been remodelled and practically rebuilt recently by Charles W. Bucklin. The Adams house was removed to a spot on the same farm, beyond the John Ellis house and on the opposite side of the road, near a lane running north, and was occupied by Reuben Fellows. After the sale of his farm to Ebenezer Sargent, Solomon removed to the Caleb Segur house on Pleasant street, lot No. 80, the "Red Gables" of to-day as transformed by Maj. Will-

iam A. Messer. Molly (Bancroft) Adams's funeral was attended by Elder Seamans, April 25, 1797, he preaching a sermon from II Cor., iv: 17, 18. The children of Solomon and Molly (Bancroft) Adams were,—

1. Alexander, who d. young.
2. Solomon, b. 1780; m. Mary, dau. of Joseph and Phebe (Fellows) Collins of Springfield, and res. in N. L.
3. Mary, who m. late in life David Barnard of Enfield, where they res.
4. Abigail, who m. John, son of Dea. Zebedee and Chloe Hayes, and res. in N. L.
5. Susan, never m.; d. at the Stephen D. Messer house, July 31, 1847, aged 65 years.
6. Emily, m. Ezekiel, son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent (his second wife), and res. in N. L.
7. Eliza, never m.; d. Oct. 10, 1853, aged 67 years.

Solomon Adams m. (2), Jan. 7, 1800, Mary, dau. of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, b. Oct. 11, 1771. Solomon d. in March, 1834, and the headstone of his grave bears this inscription, "Ensign Solomon Adams, A Soldier of the Revolution." Mary (Sargent) Adams, d. in April, 1845. Their children were,—

8. Peter, m. Jemima Whittier of Newport, moved to Orange, and d. there, leaving several children.
9. Daniel, m. (1) Eliza Williams of Sunapee. (Eliza was a sister of Mrs. Henry Gates, and a daughter of Job Williams who m. Mary Leighton of Portsmouth and res. near Job's creek on the Lake Sunapee shore.) Daniel m. (2) Calista Richardson; m. (3) Mrs. Sophronia Webster of Claremont; d. in Springfield, having had five children, one of whom, Augusta, m. Rev. Lucien Adams, a Congregational missionary to Turkey in Asia, where Augusta d.
10. Lois, m. Gilman Sawyer, and res. and d. in Springfield. Two children, Emily and George.
11. Zebedee, never m.; d. in Springfield.
12. Augustine, unmarried, and d. in Springfield.
13. Chloe, who d. in Springfield, unmarried.
14. Sarah, d. young.

AUSTIN, DAVID.—"David Astens" was at N. L., 1784. He may have been a son of John Austin, below.

AUSTIN, JOHN.—In 1779 two surveyors of highways were chosen in N. L. One of these was John Austin (Asten), who

was elected to the same office again in 1786. Tradition locates this pioneer near Lake Pleasant, and there are in George R. MacFarland's pasture on the southwest side of the highway, lot No. 32, northerly section, the distinct traces of buildings about whose occupancy residents in that vicinity remember nothing. The location is a comfortable one, protected by the hill above from the winds of winter, and near by is a never-failing spring of the purest water. There John Austin may have lived. The younger Austins, David, John, Jr., and Hannah, probably were children of this John. Hannah became the first wife of John King, of King's hill, Sutton. She had one child, Hannah, b. Sept. 28, 1786. Mrs. King d. Oct. 27, 1786, aged 18 years, and was buried at the West Part.

AUSTIN, JOHN, JR.—New London had, in 1786, five surveyors of highways, Capt. Eliphalet Gay, Edmund Davis, Lieut. William Hutchins, John Austin (Asten), and John Austin (Asten), Jr. The last named had been surveyor the preceding year, together with Jedediah Jewett, Lieut. Samuel Brocklebank, Nathaniel Everett, and John Adams, Jr. Considering the location of John, Jr.'s, colleagues during these two years, it will be seen that his residence must have been on the northeasterly side of Lake Pleasant, probably near where Mason W. Emery now lives. He is presumably the John Austin who m. Patty, dau. of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer, and a few years thereafter removed to Rochester, Vt.

BEATLE, JOSEPH.—The taxes of Joseph Beatle (or Beattie) for 1799 were abated to Levi Harvey, Jr., constable and collector for that year, on whose list they were, provided that Beatle did not return so they might be collected. There is no other mention of him in the town records. 579

BROCKLEBANK, CAPT. SAMUEL.—It would seem that the parents of Capt. Samuel and James Brocklebank, who were residents of N. L. in May, 1783, must have been the John Brocklebank and Sarah his wife who are buried in the village churchyard, having one headstone with a two-fold inscription. John d. June 1, 1795, aged 77 years; Sarah d. Sept. 20, 1803, aged 83 years. The family came from Rowley, Mass., and the first locations of Samuel and James were quite near each other,—Samuel's in Job Cross's four-acre field, James's on the Anthony

Philbrick place, and both close by the Adamses, who were relatives and had also come from Rowley. In the early years a road was laid out from Capt. Samuel Brocklebank's along the northerly side of Fred Baxter Gay's "Baker place," and continuing along the line between Capt. Baxter Gay and Dea. Edwin F. Messer, entered the present highway near George W. Tilton's, then followed practically the course of the present street to the Four Corners. Part of this road was certainly built, and perhaps all of it, but relative to the northwesterly end there was some difficulty. It was a topic considered, and acted on favorably and unfavorably, in several town meetings, and the fact that Captain Brocklebank moved before 1800 to the E. A. Todd place in the West Part, makes it look as if the question of the road at his former location was not settled satisfactorily to him. At this latter place he passed his remaining years. It was he who was concerned with Dea. Ebenezer Hunting in the mill controversy with Levi Harvey, Esq. The children of Capt. Samuel and Jane Brocklebank were,—

1. Samuel, b. June 12, 1765; m. Mary, dau. of Levi and Betsey (Randlett) Harvey, Feb. 8, 1791.
2. Jane, b. June 28, 1767.
3. Phebe, b. July 3, 1769; m. Jonathan, son of John and Meribah Adams, March 24, 1789, and res. in N. L.
4. Sarah, b. July 15, 1771; never m.; familiarly known as "Aunt Sally;" res. for a long time in the house which stood formerly between E. A. Todd's and the Roberts house on the same side of the highway, and d. April 11, 1859.
5. Polly, b. Nov. 13, 1773; m., Nov. 21, 1793, James Eaton of Sutton.
6. John, b. Feb. 24, 1776.
7. Hannah, b. Feb. 21, 1779.
8. Lydia, b. Sept. 12, 1781; m., March 7, 1805, Lieut. John Gage of Wendall.
9. Betsey, b. July 16, 1784; m. Enoch, son of Edmund and Lydia, or Jane (Morgan), Davis, and res. in N. L.
10. Nancy, b. July 21, 1786; d. Jan. 23, 1797.

BROCKLEBANK, JAMES.—James Brocklebank was in N. L. as early as May 2, 1783. His wife, Sarah, did not accompany him, but came with two little ones a year later. James came from Rowley, Mass., and made a clearing on the present Anthony C. Philbrick farm. It was in a house belonging to

him that Elder Seamans lived from the time he brought his family to N. L., in July, 1788, until Christmas day of the same year, when he moved into a house opposite the present Christopher C. Gardner buildings, which was afterwards burned. James was a resident of N. L. until 1809, when he purchased the James King estate in Sutton and removed to that town. Sarah (Adams) Brocklebank was a dau. of John and Sarah (Brocklebank) Adams, b. March 23, 1753. Children :

1. John, b. Rowley, March 13, 1779; res. with his father until 1808; no further record.
2. Moody, b. Nov. 3, 1783; d. in service during War of 1812.
3. Sarah, b. N. L., Dec. 27, 1785; m., Nov. 28, 1805, Samuel Huntoon of Andover.
4. Lois, b. March 11, 1787; m., Nov. 21, 1811, Phinehas, son of Nathaniel Smith and Sarah (Clough) Messer of N. L., and res. in Springfield.
5. James, b. March 16, 1790; m. Sally, dau. of Isaac and Ruth (Wells) Bean of Sutton, where he res. and had at least one child, John.
6. Theodore, b. June 28, 1791; d. Feb. 27, 1874.
7. Fanny, b. Dec. 8, 1793; m., Oct. 25, 1818, Timothy, son of Isaac and Ruth (Wells) Bean, and res. in Sutton; d. Feb. 6, 1882. Three children,—Calista, Sarah, John C.

BROWN, JOSIAH.—The name Josiah Brown has been handed down though three generations of honorable men, though the last of the three is the only one who became a citizen of N. L. The first Josiah lived in Haverhill, Mass., and about the year 1728 m. Miss Rogers of Newbury, Mass., a traditional descendant of John Rogers the Christian martyr. They had a son Josiah, b. in Haverhill in 1734. At the age of 23 he m. Lydia, dau. of Dea. Thomas Stevens of Amesbury, Mass. This was the Dea. Thomas Stevens who with sixty other men in 1735 obtained the original grant of the territory now embraced in the town of Warner, and gave to it the name of New Amesbury in honor of their Massachusetts home. The second Josiah was a farmer, and res. in East Haverhill, where his son, the third Josiah, was b. Feb. 11, 1767, and where his wife Lydia d. in 1775. He d. at Newbury, Mass., 1795. Three months after the third Josiah had attained his majority he came to N. L. In those early days, when both men and women found ample occupation for their time, his trade of carpenter and joiner stood him in



JOSIAH BROWN, ESQ.

good stead in supplying the needs of the growing community. His first work was on the new meeting-house, and being a single man he was allowed to sleep in the gallery. Later he invented a winnowing-mill for cleaning grain, which took the place of all other machines used for that purpose wherever it was introduced. He made and sold his machines for many years, and they were also manufactured by others in various parts of New England. Josiah Brown m. twice. His first wife was Sarah, dau. of Rev. Job and Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans, b. Nov. 12, 1770, to whom he was m. Aug. 15, 1793. He res. for a time on the Ransom F. Sargent place, and then moved to Colby hill. Sarah d. June 20, 1826, and Josiah m. (2), Sept. 9, 1827, Rhoda Seamans (sister of Sarah), b. Feb. 3, 1777, who d. Jan. 17, 1870. The 'Squire Brown house was situated on the highest point of Colby hill, lot No. 66, near the site of the burned academy, and his broad and fertile fields lay along either side of the travelled road. After the farm became the property of the academy part of the house was moved away, and became the nucleus of Mrs. Celia Gardner's present dwelling. Josiah d. July 14, 1854.

Rev. Oren Tracy, in a sketch of the life and character of this worthy man, makes this summary: "Mr. Brown came to New London when the town was new and all its interests in a formative state. His influence was widely felt, and of the happiest character. By the purity of his heart and the elevated character of his conversation, the ingenuousness of his manners and the integrity of his life, he not only secured the respect and confidence of all, but contributed largely to the formation of those virtuous and good habits for which the people of the place have long been distinguished. Few men have carried themselves through life and in all the relations of life with such equanimity, cheerfulness, integrity, courtesy, and kindness—and it is only justice to say that few men possess equal mental and moral worth."

Walter P. Flanders, Esq., paid this tribute to a special tendency of his mind: "Without culture, except what he absorbed from the scanty libraries within his reach, he was naturally the embodiment of a perfect mathematician and astronomer, and was a man of great possibilities. He had invented a complete system of logarithms, whereby he could

at any time solve the cubic contents of cone, prism, sphere or section thereof, with perfect ease and accuracy."

Josiah Brown had by his wife Sarah,—

1. Betsey, b. Oct. 3, 1794; m., Dec. 12, 1815, John Brown, and res. in N. L.

BUNKER, BENJAMIN.—Benjamin Bunker was a son of Eli Bunker of Barnstead. He m. Betsey Daniels of Lee, and lived for a time in Pembroke, from whence he came, in 1796, to N. L. with his wife and three oldest children. He res. first on the Hiram Sargent place, lot No. 68, in a house built by John Ordway not far from the present cosy cottage of "Lakeside Farm." After a while he sold this homestead to Eliphalet Woodward, and began a clearing northeast of his first location, on the hill known to-day in local topography as Bunker hill. He was a man of enormous muscular strength, and among other traditions of his powers of endurance it is related that when he built his house on the hill he carried the boards therefor up the rugged hillside on his back. Another story that has been handed down runs thus: His grists were ground at Sunapee, and thither one day went Benjamin with two bushels of golden corn slung over his shoulders. Arriving at the mill, he found there was no chance for his grain to be ground that day, so leaving his corn he returned home. It was perhaps the next day that he reappeared at the mill with a second lot of maize on his back, and that night brought home the meal from the four bushels of corn—about two hundred-weight. The children of Benjamin and Betsey (Daniels) Bunker were,—

1. Nathaniel, b. Dec. 2, 1789; m., about 1808, Ednah, dau. of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward, b. March 20, 1787, and res. in N. L.
2. David, b. Oct. 30, 1791; m. Judith York, and res. in Epping. Two children, Sally and Adeline.
3. Isaac, b. Oct. 13, 1793; m., Jan. 14, 1823, Sally, dau. of Nathaniel Richardson of Candia, and res. in N. L.
4. Benjamin, b. Jan. 8, 1796; m. Betsey, dau. of Paul and Sally (Story) Perley of Springfield, b. March 25, 1800, and res. in N. L.
5. John, b. Aug. 28, 1797; m., Jan. 3, 1825, Cynthia Hall, b. Jan. 5, 1800, and res. in N. L.
6. Betsey, b. Aug. 3, 1799; she was swinging, and falling was thrown down the open cellar stairs and killed, Jan. 15, 1811.

7. William, b. May 27, 1801; was twice m., (1) to Lovie York, (2) to a cousin of Ralph Waldo Emerson, and res. in Lowell. By his first wife he had Jane, Elizabeth, Marcia, Ellen; by his second wife, Clara, Emma, Etta.
8. Ezekiel, b. Oct. 5, 1803; m. Eliza Scribner of Vermont, and res. in New York. He had Oscar, Olive N., Fanny, Lavinia, Charlotte, Ann Eliza, Cortland.
9. Hannah, b. April 17, 1805; m., June 24, 1828, Benjamin Hall; res. for a short time in N. L., then moved to New York, where she now (1896) lives at the advanced age of 91 years. Children: Abiel E. (b. N. L., March 18, 1829), Rhoda, Robert, Martha, Mary, Sarah A., Charles W., George P.
10. Sally, b. April 9, 1807; never m.; a nurse; worked in N. L. and other places, more especially in Concord. †
11. Rhoda, b. Feb. 5, 1809; never m., and lived with her sister, Mary, in North Sanbornton (Gaza).
12. Mary, b. June 18, 1811; m. Augustus Robinson, and res. in North Sanbornton (Gaza). Children: Mary, m. Cyrus Swain of Sanbornton; Frank, m. and res. in Boscawen; Ellen, d. young.

BURPEE, ASA.—There came to N. L. from Rowley, Mass., about 1786, a shoemaker, who not only intended to work at his trade in the new settlement, but had grit and perseverance enough to clear a farm and establish a long-enduring name in his adopted town. He pitched his camp on the southeasterly slope of the eminence now called Burpee hill, and lived on his first location (now Miss Catherine Whittemore's), though in a new house, until his death. Asa was a man of strict integrity, temperate, industrious, hospitable: was very musical, had keen wit, and was as willing to take a joke as to give one. He m. Mary, dau. of Benjamin and Apphia Perley of Rowley, and they were the parents of three sons and six daughters. The sons inherited their father's many good qualities, and the daughters were of religious habit, modest in deportment, had a great sense of propriety, were fine singers, and well skilled in all kinds of handiwork, from spinning and weaving to the stitching and embroidery of that date, and had the ingenuity to invent new and tasteful patterns in the latter class of work. They were economical, good managers, and, best of all, good home-makers. With one exception the sons and daughters all lived and d. in N. L. Asa d. Oct. 15, 1843, aged 83

years. His wife d. July 27, 1833, aged 73 years. Their children were,—

1. Thomas, b. Rowley, Dec. 13, 1782; m., July 8, 1810, Mary, dau. of Capt. John and Mary Woodman, and res. in N. L.
2. Rebekah, b. June 28, 1784; m., June 19, 1819, William Loverin of Springfield. They res. in Springfield and had four children :
 - (1). Perley, never m.; res. in Springfield.
 - (2). Sally, never m.; res. and d. in Springfield.
 - (3). Edwin, m., res., and d. in Springfield; no children.
 - (4). Dolly, m. Oliver Nichols; res. in Springfield, and had one child, Harry, who now owns and res. on the homestead.
3. Dolly, b. N. L., June 28, 1787; never m.; d. about 1835.
4. Perley, b. June 4, 1790; m., Dec. 31, 1816, Judith, dau. of Joseph and Anna (Heath) Colby, b. Nov. 17, 1796, and res. in N. L.
5. Delia, b. May 11, 1792; m., Dec. 24, 1816, James H., son of Joseph Pillsbury of Wendall, and res. in N. L.
6. Apphia, b. May 13, 1795; m., Nov. 15, 1815, Capt. Jonathan, son of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett, and res. in N. L.
7. Azubah, b. Jan. 27, 1797; d. March 16, 1856, unmarried.
8. Sally, b. Aug. 14, 1799; d. Aug. 21, 1799.
9. Abial, b. Oct. 1, 1800; m., May 20, 1828, Mary, dau. of Daniel and Rapsima (Messenger) Woodbury, b. Feb. 19, 1806, and res. in N. L.

BURPEE, CALVIN.—Calvin was the youngest of the three Burpee brothers who settled on Burpee hill. The earliest mention of him in the town records is in 1788, when he was chosen hogreeve. He m., April 2, 1793, Ruth, dau. of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer, and res. in a house on or near the site of Fred Farwell's present residence. In 1812 he moved to Grantham, and d. there. His children, b. in N. L., were,—

1. Stephen, b. Jan. 12, 1799.
2. Hiram, b. Feb. 24, 1801.
3. Varnum, b. Oct. 23, 1803.
4. Heman Bostwick, b. July 24, 1806.
5. Joseph Colby, b. Jan. 17, 1809.

BURPEE, LIEUT. THOMAS.—About 1787, Thomas Burpee came from Rowley, Mass., and built a log cabin near the site

of Ai Worthen's residence. Later he built a frame house on the same site as Mr. Worthen's, and still later he built for his son, Moses, the house which formed the basis of the present William S. Carter dwelling. He gained the title of lieutenant in the militia of his day, having the innate Burpee fondness for martial exercises. He was twice married,—(1) to Joanna, whose last name was probably Foster, and (2) to Sarah ——. Both marriages were contracted before Thomas came to N. L., Thomas, Jr., Sarah's oldest child, having been b. at Rowley, while Mary, her second child, was b. in N. L. in 1791. Lieut. Thomas Burpee d. Sept. 12, 1839. The children of both wives were,—

1. Sally, b. Rowley, Feb. 26, 1775; m., Jan. 8, 1793, Ebenezer, son of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (McCordy) Shepard, b. 1767, and res. in N. L.
2. Abigail, b. Feb. 25, 1777; d. May 30, 1794.
3. Jeremiah, b. April 28, 1779; m. Betsey, dau. of Jesse and Dolly (Crocker) Blake, and res. in N. L.
4. Martha (Patty) b. Jan. 12, 1781; m., May 8, 1798, Henry Achilles, Jr., and res. in N. L.
5. Joanna, b. Dec. 5, 1782; m., Nov. 20, 1803, Edward Chadwick, said to have been of Wendall.
6. Thomas, b. Aug. 26, 1787; m. Lydia, dau. of Jesse and Dolly (Crocker) Blake, and res. in N. L.
7. Mary, b. N. L., Sept. 29, 1791; m. (1), June 27, 1809, Theodore, son of Stephen and Mary (Gile) Abbot, and res. in N. L., Springfield, Sunapee; m. (2) Jacob Worthen, and res. in Sunapee.
8. Samuel, b. Jan. 1, 1793; m., Feb. 1, 1816, Sarah, dau. of Nathaniel and Mary Fales, b. Feb. 21, 1794, and res. in N. L.
9. Anna, b. Feb. 5, 1795; m. Horatio, son of Nathaniel and Mary Fales, b. March 19, 1792, and res. in N. L.
10. Nathan, b. March 5, 1797; d. August, 1797.
11. Moses, b. Sept. 5, 1798; m., Sept. 14, 1823, Lavina Currier, b. Claremont, Oct. 12, 1800, dau. of Timothy and Jane (Mitchell) Currier of Acworth, and res. in N. L.
12. Nathan, b. April 4, 1801; m., Jan. 3, 1825, Lois, dau. of Daniel and Lois (Goodwin) Savary of Sutton, b. April 1, 1802. The "History of Sutton" says of him,—“Mr. Burpee was a man of stern independence of character, and was much respected by the people of this, his adopted town.” His children were,—

- (1). Emily, b. Oct. 10, 1825 ; d. March 17, 1826.
- (2). Sally S., b. Aug. 7, 1827 ; d. March 5, 1833.
- (3). Hannah S., b. July 23, 1829 ; m., Sept. 25, 1849, Thomas W. Nelson ; both d. April 24, 1851.
- (4). Alma, b. Nov. 5, 1831 ; m. Orrin Humphrey ; res. in Sutton, and had a son George.
- (5). Orson, b. March 19, 1834 ; m. (1) Mary Ann Prichard, (2) Alma Sanborn, (3) Jennie Rowe.
- (6). Nahum, b. Feb. 16, 1837 ; "a young man of much promise, enlisted early in the war, and died during his term of service," Oct. 31, 1861.
- (7). Orra, b. Aug. 20, 1839 ; m. Abbie Gee, and had Charles, George, Walter, Frank.
- (8). Thomas, b. Nov. 12, 1842 (or 1843) ; m., Nov. 24, 1869, Hattie A. Buck, b. Dec. 17, 1845.
13. Abigail, b. Sept. 4, 1804 ; m. David B. Colcord, b. Oct. 29, 1802, and res. at George's Mills ; had one dau., and d. soon after. David afterwards res. at Sutton.
14. Harris, b. Aug. 30, 1808 ; m., May 15, 1832, Hannah Savary (sister of Lois), b. Dec. 18, 1807, and res. in Sutton ; "was much esteemed as a citizen, and, as the town records show, many times held offices of trust and responsibility." They had,—Frank, b. July 21, 1833 ; m., Nov. 7, 1856, Lydia Page ; d. Oct. 16, 1864, of diphtheria. Frank's son, Willie P., b. May 30, 1858, also d. of diphtheria, Oct. 11, 1864.

BURPEE, THOMAS.—On Saturday, May 31, 1800, Rev. Job Seamans attended the funeral of Thomas Burpee, father of Asa, Lieut. Thomas, and Calvin, who res. with his sons on Burpee hill. The Elder preached from Ps., xxxvii : 37, "Mark the perfect man," etc., and in his diary remarks,—“Father Burpee was 82 years of age : a member of this Church. I know of no man to whom the text is more applicable, than he. I say of him now, as I used to say of him when living, “I think he approached the nearest to perfection of any man with whom I am acquainted.” Thomas Burpee was probably a native of Rowley, Mass., and a descendant of the emigrant Thomas, who appeared in Rowley as early as 1651.

CHAMBERLAND, EDMOND.—Regarding the life and untimely death in N. L. of Edmond Chamberland, Rev. Job Seamans says in his diary, under date of March 25, 1800,—“Edmond Chamberland, a young man, who lately came into

“this town, and sat up his business of Blacksmithing, was
 “taken with a violent distemper; and, on Thursday 27th about
 “12 o'clock, he expired. Friday P. M. his Funeral was
 “attended: and I preached from Jeremiah, ix: 21, ‘For death
 “is come up into our windows’, etc. There was a large num-
 “ber of people attended; the Corps were carried into the
 “meeting-house. As he was one of the Society of Free-
 “masons, he was interred in their order.”

CHANDLER, JOSIAH.—Surveyor of highways in northeast district (Wilmot) in 1794. Josiah Chandler and Sarah, his wife, had, b. in N. L.,—

1. Benjamin, b. April 7, 1791.
2. David, b. Sept. 27, 1792.

CHENEY, ELEAZER B.—Elected tithing-man, 1795. He may have removed to Hopkinton, as Elder Seamans makes mention of preaching a “lecture at M^r Cheney’s in Hopkinton,” June 13, 1796.

“CHRICTET’S, NEIGHBOUR.”—Under date of May 12, 1790, Elder Seamans has this entry: “I attended the Funeral of neighbour Chritchett’s Infant.” The use of the word “neighbour” would seem to indicate that Chritchett was living not far from Elder Seamans. Perhaps he was a connection of the Critchetts who settled in Sutton about that time.

CLARK, JONATHAN.—“*Voted* to abate the arrearages of Jonathan Clark’s taxes,” March 8, 1784, is the only available information concerning this man prior to 1800; but he may have been identical with the Jonathan Clark who was a resident of the town from 1808 to 1810. This later Jonathan had an eighth of an acre of land, and buildings valued at \$24. In 1811 this same property was taxed to Jonathan Everett, Jr., and there is no further record of Clark.

CLEMENT, BENJAMIN MOODY.—Robert Clement, b. 1590, at Coventry, Warwickshire, Eng., d. at Haverhill, Mass., 1658, and was one of the twelve men who purchased the land for that township from the Indians. His branch of the Clement family in England were followers of Cromwell. He was a man of means, and came to America in his own vessel, locating first at Ipswich, Mass., and later at Haverhill. From this

Robert, through two successive Roberts and two generations of Nathaniels, came Benjamin Moody Clement, b. Hopkinton, 1763, who, young as he was, made a record of a few months' service in the Revolutionary war. He m., Sept. 11, 1791, Rachel, dau. of Jonathan Herrick of Hopkinton, b. Manchester, Mass., and res. in Hopkinton until 1796. Removing during that year to N. L.,—perhaps through the influence of the Colbys—he settled on the present Dea. Seth Littlefield place, and is reputed to have been the pioneer on that farm. It is well that Benjamin Moody Clement became a resident of the town thus early, and that he remained here, for he was a most worthy citizen in every respect, a kind neighbor and faithful friend,—a man eminently fitted to leave a lasting impression for good on any community. Benjamin d. March 17, 1842; Rachel d. May 22, 1838. Their children were,—

1. Benjamin, b. Hopkinton, Dec. 17, 1792; d. Oct. 13, 1811.
2. Rachel, b. Hopkinton, Sept. 10, 1794; m., May 7, 1818, Daniel, son of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett, b. May 9, 1791, and res. in N. L. and Salisbury.
3. John, b. N. L., June 6, 1797; m., Oct. 4, 1820, Fannie, dau. of Penuel and Hannah Everett, b. Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 18 1796. When he attained his majority his father made over the home farm to him, and though himself living on the Anthony C. Philbrick place, he carried it on until 1821, when he resigned it to his younger brother, Baruch Chase, and removed to Bangor, Me., and became a merchant. Children:
 - (1). Calista H., m. Dr. Alvah Rowe, and res. in New York city, where she d. in July, 1892. Their only child, Fanny, d. at the age of 30.
 - (2). Julia, m. Abram Moore of Bangor, and res. there; no children.
 - (3). John Franklin, d. in childhood.
4. Baruch Chase, b. April 7, 1799; m., Sept. 29, 1822, Sarah, dau. of Joseph and Dolly (Smith) Wood, b. July 7, 1799, and res. in N. L.
5. Nathaniel, b. Jan. 13, 1801; was a physician; m. Mary Wheeden of N. L., and d. early. His son and only child, Edwin, was a Methodist clergyman in New York, who also d. early and left two children.
6. Joshua H., b. May 21, 1803; m., at Hopkinton, Jan. 1, 1828, Eliza, dau. of Levi and Polly (Adams) Harvey, b. at N. L., Jan. 2, 1803. He was a Baptist clergyman, having prepared

for the ministry at New Hampton. His first pastorate was at Hill, where he remained several years. Removed to Thetford, Vt., in 1839, preaching there for ten years with great success. After his pastorate at Thetford closed, he retained a residence in that classic town, and for nearly twenty years supplied various pulpits in Vermont and New Hampshire. His wife's death, April 4, 1867, broke up the Thetford home, and thereafter he passed his winters in Boston and summers in N. H. and Vt. He did a great deal of missionary work in and around Boston, where he was called "Father Clement," and was also largely instrumental, when more than 75 years of age, in strengthening the weak Baptist society at Chester. At this place he labored for two years, aiding materially in building and equipping a new meeting-house, and leaving his people rejoicing and gratefully affectionate. He loved the place so well that when taken ill, in early summer of 1883, he went back there to draw his last breath. The work which Rev. Joshua H. Clement did along strictly religious lines will reach on and on through years and years to come, but not only there will his influence be felt: he was an early and indefatigable worker in the anti-slavery cause, and a persistent advocate of temperance. His dau., Mary (Clement) Leavitt, was the first "round-the-world" W. C. T. U. missionary, one whose zeal and devotion to temperance work will cease only when life ends, and a woman after her father's own heart. Often, with her and her dau., Edith, both sweet singers, he went to some of the haunts of the less reputable denizens of Boston, and the three tried to preach and sing and pray the poor men and women to a better life. Joshua d. June 29, 1883. Children:

- (1). Eliza A., b. Sept. 6, 1828, m. Edward Head of Boston, who d. in California, May 6, 1890, a judge of the superior court, San Mateo county, leaving two children, one of whom, Katherine, m., Oct. 6, 1880, Josiah Royce, Ph. D., professor of philosophy at Harvard college, and res. at Cambridge, Mass. Professor Royce is a very able young man, and well known in scholarly circles. They have,—(a) Christopher, b. April 11, 1882; (b) Edward, b. Dec. 25, 1886; (c) Stephen, b. May 26, 1889.
- (2). Mary G., b. Sept. 22, 1830; m. Thomas Leavitt, a real-estate broker of Boston; three children: (a) Amy, res. Washington; (b) Agnes, res. Boston; (c) Edith, m., Feb. 4, 1886, Charles Strongman, broker's clerk, of Boston, and

- res. at Stoneham, Mass. They have,—(a) Ruth, (b) Clement, (c) Bessie Talbot.
- (3). Calista H., b. July 29, 1832; m. Newton Talbot, publisher, of Boston. Her only child, Bessie, d., aet. 13 yrs.
- (4). Joshua H., b. Sept. 25, 1835; d. Aug. 2, 1857, in Vt.
- (5). Rufus H., b. Jan. 25, 1837; m. Carrie Davis of San Francisco; was in mercantile business; d. Oct. 21, 1879. Children: (a) Alice, m., July 21, 1890, Edgar Fisher of Oakland, Cal.; they have one son, Clement. (b) Herbert, physician, res. in San Francisco. (c) May, res. in Oakland.
- (6). Lyman H., b. July 5, 1840; m. Frances Marcy of Milford, and is clerk at U. S. mint, San Francisco. One child, Ethel.
- (7). Arabella M., b. March 23, 1843; m. Capt. William Kirby, and res. in Jacksonville, Ill. Children: (a) Clement, law clerk, res. at Jacksonville; (b) Henry, in business in Nebraska; (c) Marion, res. at home; (d) William, res. at home.
- (8). Helen I., b. March 19, 1845; m. Dr. Fred. Huse of San Francisco, where she res.
- (9). Charles H., b. Feb. 28, 1847; m. Bella Ware in California, and res. at San José, where he practises law. Three children: Edith, Earl, and one now deceased.
7. Rufus, b. Jan. 28, 1806; m. Minerva Allen of Billerica, Mass.; was a wholesale dealer in West India goods at Boston, but removed to Concord quite early in life on account of impaired health; a man of warm heart and great hospitality; held various responsible offices in Concord, and was mayor of the city when he d., Jan. 13, 1856. Minerva (Allen) Clement d. as Mrs. Thomas Sawyer, Nov. 23, 1893, at Lowell, Mass.
8. Job S., b. Dec. 12, 1807; m., Sept. 7, 1855, Mary L., dau. of Rev. Willard and Amanda (True) Kimball. Rev. Willard Kimball was a Baptist clergyman, b. at Hopkinton. Mary L. was b. at Royalton, Vt., March 5, 1829. Job S. was a Boston merchant, and d. at Newton, Mass., March 5, 1867, leaving one child, Willard K., b. Boston, July 1, 1863, who is now professor of Greek in a western college.
9. Jonathan H., b. July 28, 1810; m., Jan. 27, 1842, Nancy M., dau. of Col. John Smith of Salisbury, who d. April 24, 1893, at Derry; was a merchant at Salisbury for 30 years, as the successor of Samuel Greenleaf, doing a very large business; afterwards removed to Concord, and then to Derry, where he d., Jan. 26, 1893. Six children:
- (1). John Franklin, b. Jan. 27, 1843; d. Sept. 14, 1848.

- (2). Ellen Frances, b. Oct. 29, 1846; d. Sept. 30, 1848.
- (3). Francis Herrick, b. Aug. 21, 1848; m. Sybil H. Kilburn of Grafton; res. at Manchester, in express business; has an only dau., Carrie Belle.
- (4). Walter S., b. Jan. 20, 1852; m. Martha A. Langmaid of Chichester; res. in Derry, farmer; five children,—(a) Rufus W., (b) James H., (c) Clarence E., (d) Ray A., (e) Helen E. These sons of Walter are the only Clement descendants of Benjamin Moody Clement left in New England, and must be depended on to perpetuate the family name in this section.
- (5). Abbie Maria, b. Sept. 9, 1855; d. Sept. 6, 1864.
- (6). Nellie Medora, b. May 19, 1859; res. at Derry.
- 10. Mary H., b. Nov. 12, 1812; m. Pelter Whittemore of Salisbury; d. Derry, April 22, 1890.
- 11. Benjamin M., Jr., b. Dec. 10, 1816; d. Aug. 11, 1818.

COLBY, JAMES B.—This son of Anthony Colby of Hopkinton, and brother of Joseph Colby, Esq., of N. L., was the pioneer on the Dea. Edwin F. Messer farm. He did not remain here long, but in February, 1797, returned to Hopkinton with his family. James Colby had by his wife, Susanna (Story) Colby, a son, Moses, b. Dec. 13, 1796, in N. L. Moses became a farmer, and was a man of considerable prominence in Hopkinton. He was a captain of militia, and a representative to the legislature in 1844, chosen to oppose "the railroad interest in the controversy then prevailing." There was also an older son, James Colby, Jr., who took possession in 1810 of the farm in N. L., which had up to this time been taxed to "James Colby, Hopkinton."

COLBY, LIEUT. JOSEPH.—Hon. J. Everett Sargent, in his address at New London's centennial, expressed the opinion that few men in N. L. have had "a wider or a better influence in the town" than Joseph Colby. No one attempts or wishes to gainsay this; on the contrary, every one endorses the statement most heartily. Joseph Colby was b. in Plaistow, March 24, 1762, and lived there until about 21 years old, when he removed to Hopkinton with his father, Anthony Colby, who was the thirteenth settler in that town. While at Hopkinton, Joseph m. Anna Heath of Hampstead, Dec. 21, 1785. The young couple found their way to N. L., March 10, 1786, and established themselves in a log cabin which had been previously occupied, probably by Thomas Whittier. The cabin

stood only a short distance east of the present Stephen Dean house on Pleasant street, and was near the intervale where the Penacooks had cultivated their little plat of maize. By utilizing this and the Whittier clearing, and bringing in the land on the westerly side, Colby was not long in securing a large and fertile farm, from which, however, he soon retired, and set up his home anew in the house which stood formerly a little east of Christopher C. Gardner's residence and on the opposite side of the highway. The family numbered three now, for the presence of a little child, Joseph, Jr., had graced the humble cabin early in 1787. In this house the Colbys lived only a short time, when the place was sold to Elder Job Seamans, and Joseph took his wife and child to the commodious dwelling which he had built on the clearing which now constitutes the fair-ground and the so-called Ausborn French place. The house was the one now occupied by Henry Quimby, and here Sarah (Colby) Herrick, Anthony Colby, and Judith (Colby) Burpee were born. In 1800 Joseph took possession of the present Colby homestead on Main street, and there he lived until his death, April 19, 1843.

Joseph Colby had a natural taste and talent for real-estate transactions. He was for several years the agent of Capt. Jonas Minot of Concord, Mass., that original proprietor who owned one third of all the lots in the town of N. L. as bounded at the date of its incorporation, and in that way became thoroughly acquainted with the location and value of the various building-spots and prospective farms, and well fitted to undertake dealings on his own account. He was the first store-keeper on Minot's hill (the Colby hill of to-day), was a justice of the peace, and in many respects was for forty years the man of business to whom his fellow-citizens and acquaintances looked for advice and assistance in their private affairs, and to whom they always delighted to entrust public business. He was equally influential in church and town matters. Probably no other man has served on so many church committees as he did. He was a selectman many times, was the first representative to the general court, and served the town successively in that capacity from 1803 to 1816 inclusive. When Wilmot was set off from N. L., in 1807, it was through Joseph Colby's personal influence, enlarged by four years' previous service as

representative, that the two tiers of lots northeast of Lake Pleasant, and consequently the later village of Scytheville with its shops and busy inhabitants, were saved for the mother town. The Colbys have an inherited aptitude and liking for military affairs, and Joseph gained his title of lieutenant by service in the militia.

The story of the kind of man 'Squire Colby was in his family, is told best by a visit to the house on Main street which he built nearly a century ago, where some of the rooms are preserved with loving care as he knew and best liked them. The parlor sitting-room has the old-style panelled woodwork, and the first "graining" done in the town still bears evidence to the thoroughness of the workman. The pictured faces on the walls and the quaint, old-fashioned furniture are all in keeping, and speak of the thoughtful husband and loving father more eloquently than could pages of cold type. One who was privileged to know him in that home intimacy which is the best key to the true character of the man, pays this tribute to his memory: ". . . . If I were to add anything, it would be to make more impressive the special characteristics that made his personal influence almost supreme. He was a devoted, consistent Christian, and felt an identity with the whole town, using his influence always to elevate the ideals and increase the self-respect of the people. In that way—by claiming respect—he was a support in every regard. His constitution was vigorous,—physically, intellectually, morally, and spiritually. He was the justice of the peace, soothing the young people and returning the fees for his services to the young brides." His wife, Anna (Heath) Colby, d. Aug. 24, 1847, aged 85. Their children were,—

Joseph, b. Saturday, May 5, 1787; never married; res. at the homestead. An eccentric, but warm-hearted and mirth-loving man. He was well educated, and wrote articles of local interest for publication, becoming a familiar figure to the men who visited the house on business as he sat at the little table by the 'Squire, ready to assist in the "reckoning." Joseph died April 12, 1857.

Sarah, b. Saturday, July 24, 1790; m., Nov. 28, 1811, Capt.

Jonathan, son of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick, b. March 14, 1784, and res. in N. L.

3. Anthony, b. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1792; m. (1), Mary, dau. of Jona-

than and Mary (Messenger) Everett, b. Nov. 24, 1795; m. (2), Mrs. Eliza (Messenger) Richardson, Nov. 24, 1814; res. in N. L.

4. Judith, b. Friday, Nov. 17, 1796; m., Dec. 31, 1816, Perley, son of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee, b. June 4, 1790; res. in N. L.

CURRIER, CAPT. THOMAS.—Of this man, Hon. J. Everett Sargent says,—“Captain Currier not only served through the “Revolutionary War, but no sooner was the War of 1812 declared than he entered the regular army. He went through “the war, fought in several battles, and came safely home “when the war was over. I remember him as he used to “come to church on Sunday and other days, for he was a man “who loved his God as well as his country, and he knew no “fear in the service of either.” Captain Currier and Ednah, his wife, came to N. L. in 1790, from Warner (having previously lived in Hopkinton), and settled near Pike’s shore in the West Part. He built the Amos Currier house, now the summer home of Miss Whitney. Children :

1. Sally, b. Hopkinton, April 7, 1782; m., Nov. 22, 1810, Nathaniel Piper of Hopkinton.
2. Amos Bayley, b. Oct. 27, 1783; m., about 1810, Betsey Colby of Canaan. Betsey d. April 18, 1811, aged 28; her child, buried beside her, d. April 11, 1811, aged one month.
3. Rhoda, b. Sept. 4, 1785; d. Oct. 13, 1814.
4. John, b. Warner, Dec. 22, 1789; m. Sarah Stevens of Fishersfield, and res. in N. L.
5. Ednah, b. N. L., Aug. 27, 1791; d. Sept. 9, 1810.

CURRIER, JOSHUA.—The only knowledge obtainable of Joshua Currier, who may possibly have been a brother of Capt. Thomas Currier, is that in 1799 he was chosen surveyor of lumber, and that in 1800 he paid a poll tax and had an acre of tillage at the West Part.

CUSHING, DR. JOHN.—The first resident physician of N. L. was Dr. John Cushing, who practised in this and the neighboring towns during the later years of the eighteenth century. He was skilled in his profession, and a man of pleasant address. The records of the Sutton, New London and Newbury Social Library, formed in 1796, show that he was clerk of that corporation in 1798. The 1800 tax-list locates him on Summer street, probably at the house of Samuel Messer, Jr.

Perhaps it was through this connection that the foundation for the romantic story in which he figures as the recreant bridegroom was laid. It appears that the gallant knight of Esculapian fame, as he rode about the town with his saddle-bags filled with pills, powders, and potions, had won the affections of Miss Phebe Messer, a sister of the Samuel mentioned above and dau. of 'Squire Messer of Messer hill. The course of true love ran smoothly until the wedding-day, when the bridegroom failed to appear. One can imagine the tears of the bride and the wrath of the 'Squire; but it all turned out for the best, as such romances generally do, and Phebe later became the happy wife of a true son of N. L., and helped perpetuate an honored name. The doctor and his good steed figured annually on the tax-list until 1811, when he removed to Fishers-field (Newbury), having lost the greater part of his practice through intemperate habits. He never m., and is said to have become very needy in his last days.

DAVIS, EDMUND.—Among the very earliest settlers of N. L. were the Davis brothers, Edmund and Josiah, who came hither from Dunbarton. Josiah settled on the Amos Hastings place at the West Part, and Edmund located first on the Dr. Ezekiel Morrill and Austin Goings land near by. Later Edmund sold his first clearing to Jonathan Herrick, and removed to the present Benjamin Davis place, near Soonipiside Park; still later he owned and lived on part of the Horace Clark farm, Summer street, and d. there, March 2, 1839, aged 84 years. His widow, born Lydia (or, perhaps, Jane) Morgan, d. March 28, 1843, aged 82. Children:

1. Enoch, m., March 7, 1805, Betsey, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Lydia Brocklebank, b. July 16, 1784, and res. in N. L.
2. Edmund, m., Sept. 26, 1808, Nancy, dau. of James How and Elizabeth (Shepard) Messer, b. May 15, 1785, and res. in N. L.
3. Betsey, m., May 12, 1818, Dr. Charles Pinney, who practised in N. L. from 1810 to 1817, then went to Hopkinton, and later res. again in N. L.
4. Mary (Polly), m., Sept. 21, 1844, Bradley Mitchell, and res. in Wilmot. She d. Aug. 5, 1860, aged 69 yrs., 7 m., 20 d.

DAVIS, JOSIAH.—Of the two Davis brothers, Edmund and Josiah, who came from Dunbarton to N. L. among her earliest

settlers, Josiah settled on the farm now owned by Amos Hastings, and built the house now standing thereon, known as the "old Amos Hastings house." On his clearing at this place, Josiah lived till his death, Nov. 21, 1848, in his ninety-second year. His wife, born Hannah Morgan, dau. of Capt. John Morgan, d. March 16, 1840, aged 76 years. They had a large family of children, as follows:

1. Bethia, b. Feb. 24, 1783; d. Aug. 1, 1788.
2. Amos, b. May 3, 1785; res. in N. L. until 1809, then removed to Maine.
3. Hannah, b. June 14, 1787; m. Joshua Cilley of Weare, where she res. and d.
4. Lydia, b. March 24, 1789; never m.; res. at old homestead.
5. Josiah, b. Nov. 8, 1791; injured at a raising by wooden pin, which tore his hand; "caught cold" in wound, and d. from its effect.
6. Bethia, b. May 29, 1792; m., March 6, 1817, Nathan, son of Nathan and Sarah (Dunham) Wilmarth of Newport, b. Sept. 3, 1791, and res. at Newport. Children:
 - (1). Sarah, b. May 9, 1818; m. Benjamin, son of Edmund and Nancy (Messer) Davis of N. L.
 - (2). Leland, b. Nov. 17, 1820; d. at 22.
 - (3). Bethia, b. June 4, 1823; m. Samuel A. Higbee.
 - (4). Margaret, b. Sept. 6, 1832; m. Charles F. Whittier.
 - (5). David, b. Feb. 10, 1835; m. Matilda E. Higbee.
7. John, b. June 24, 1794; m., March 30, 1818, Belinda, dau. of William and Abigail (Carpenter) Gay, b. May 1, 1794, and res. in Bangor and Corinth, Me. Children:
 - (1). Orin, m. Caroline Gilman, and had,—(a) John, (b) Medora, (c) Annette, (d) George, (e) Hattie, (f) Fred, (g) Elmer, (h) Hattie, (i) Edwin. Orin d. in Lowell, Mass.
 - (2). Abigail, b. July 21, 1822; d. Aug. 21, 1826.
 - (3). Melinda, b. Nov. 10, 1825; d. Aug. 12, 1826.
 - (4). George, b. Nov. 25, 1827; was chief of police in Lowell, Mass.; d. Dec. 27, 1853.
 - (5). John, b. April 20, 1829; d. Dec. 20, 1831.
 - (6). Ija Augustus, b. Nov. 18, 1832; d. Sept. 18, 1834.
 - (7). Lucy Ann, twin to Ija; m. Brooks Tobie, and res. in Charleston, Me. Children: (a) George, (b) Ida, (c) Rozwell.
 - (8). Abigail, b. March 3, 1840; d. June 15, 1857.
8. Margaret (Pagey), b. March 2, 1796; m., March 31, 1818, Elder Jesse Cross of Sunapee, who at one time conducted the religious services at Otterville.

9. Asenath, b. Jan. 16, 1798; m., Nov. 9, 1819, David, son of William and Abigail (Carpenter) Gay, and res. in N. L.
10. James, b. Jan. 5, 1780; never m.; d. March 10, 1862.
11. Martha (Patty), b. May 7, 1802; m., Nov. 9, 1819, Benjamin Cross "of Fishersfield," and res. in Springfield, where she d., March 14, 1835. Benjamin was a half-brother of Job Cross of N. L. Children:
 - (1). Alonzo, b. July 14, 1821; m. Sally Muzzey of Sunapee, where he res.
 - (2). Hannah, b. Jan. 25, 1824; m. Absalom Hazelton of Springfield, and res. in Springfield and Sunapee.
 - (3). Ransom, b. May 12, 1827; went to New York state, where he m.
 - (4). Joseph, b. July 20, 1830; went to New York state.
 - (5). Roxana, b. Sept. 23, 1833; m., March 18, 1851, Anthony S., son of John and Miriam (Sargent) Page, b. Sept. 18, 1826, and res. in N. L. and Newport.
 - (6). Martha A., b. Jan. 22, 1835; m., Jan. 16, 1853, Amos, son of Alvin and Abby (Blodgett) Hastings, b. Nov. 1, 1830, and res. in N. L.
12. Apphia, b. Jan. 18, 1804; m. Jesse Davis of Sunapee.
13. Roxana, b. April 15, 1806; m. Josiah Davis of Hampstead, Oct. 16, 1828.

DOLE, JOHN.—This pioneer, who was a soldier of the Revolution, cleared the land on the present Moses Messer farm, Morgan hill, and built the dwelling-house which used to stand near Mr. Messer's present residence. He was in N. L. in 1788, having emigrated probably from Ipswich, Mass., or its vicinity. He was b. Feb. 5, 1760; m. Molly, dau. of Asa and Elizabeth (Kneeland) Pingree; d. Nov. 10, 1814. Molly m. (2), Sept. 25, 1817, Benjamin Cass of Wilmot. Children of John and Molly (Pingree) Dole:

1. Polly, b. March 29, 1782; d. July 12, 1782.
2. Mehitable, b. July 16, 1783; m., Dec., 1803, Mr. Foster, and res. at Ipswich, Mass., where she d., Aug. 28, 1861.
3. Polly, b. March 9, 1785; m., Oct. 24, 1805, Joseph, son of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward, b. Atkinson, Mass., Dec. 19, 1780, and res. in Sutton and N. L.
4. Lucy, b. Feb. 10, 1787; m., Oct. 24, 1811, John True of Salisbury, and was the mother of Professor Mark True, who res. in the Charlton Woodbury house about 1858. She d. March 13, 1840.

5. Sally, b. April 7, 1789; m., Dec. 30, 1813, Jeremiah, son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Kimball) Pingree, b. Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 19, 1784, and res. in N. L.
6. Dolly, b. Oct. 22, 1793; m., Dec. 8, 1814, James, son of Eli-phalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward, b. Sutton, March 3, 1789, and res. for some years on the Dole homestead, Morgan hill, but in 1835 removed to Ohio.
7. Lydia, b. Dec. 31, 1796; m., Nov. 27, 1817, Israel Batchelder of Francestown, who was b. Sept. 20, 1793. On Nov. 27, 1867, this worthy couple celebrated their golden wedding. Lydia d. Nov. 14, 1869.
8. Phebe, b. May 12, 1799; m., Aug. 12, 1821, James Moody of Wilmot, who formerly lived on the John M. Carr farm, Kearsarge mountain. Phebe d. May 4, 1849.
9. Eliza, b. Feb. 11, 1808; m., March 28, 1825, Levi Morey, who lived on Kearsarge mountain, near the Wilmot and Andover line. She d. March 25, 1833.

Dow, JESSE.—Among the Revolutionary soldiers who are numbered as early residents is Jesse Dow, who came with his wife, Phebe (Farmer) Dow, from Manchester, Mass., and settled on Messer hill, near where the Cummings cottage now stands. He was a blacksmith by trade,—a craft that stood him in good stead in a new and growing community—and had a shop on the opposite side of the road. Soon after 1790 he established himself on the Daniel Bickford place, and also owned land near the present John Dow house, for in 1793 the town “*Voted* to build the pound on the corner of Mr. Dow’s field back of the burying-yard by the Road;” and again in 1795 it was “*Voted* that there be A School-house at the corner of the Roads near Jesse Dow’s house.” He was a devout member of the Baptist church, and it is related of him that at one time when the prospects of the church were far from bright and there was considerable doubt whether preaching could be supported, Joseph Colby, Jonathan Everett, and Jesse Dow were talking the matter over, and Jesse said “Let’s have meetings! We shall have a reformation before long, and then we will be all right.” The meetings were held, and sure enough the revival came and the church greatly prospered. Jesse Dow raised a large family of children, and in 1817 moved to Orange in this state, where he d., May 6, 1841. Children: 5-1788

1. Samuel, b. Aug. 4, 1779; m. Lydia, dau. of Stephen and Hep-sibah (Dunham) Perry of Newport, b. Dec. 14, 1792, and res. there until he went West. They had one child, a dau., who m. Rev. Mr. Hinckley.
2. Betsey, b. July 14, 1781; m., Feb. 11, 1808, Edward, son of John and Abigail Ide, and res. in N. L.
3. Ela, b. May 2, 1784; worked at Lebanon, and then moved to Vermont; m. Hannah Hancock, and had two daus.
4. Evans, b. April 3, 1786; m., June 27, 1811, Lydia, dau. of John Morgan, Jr., b. June 12, 1791, and res. in N. L.
5. Jesse, b. Oct. 20, 1788; m. Irene, dau. of Nathaniel and Lydia (Fields) Merrill of Acworth, and res. in N. L.
6. Phebe, b. June 6, 1791; m., in 1816, Timothy, son of James How and Elizabeth (Shepard) Messer, b. April 28, 1790, and res. in N. L.
7. Achsah, b. Dec. 13, 1793; m., Dec. 30, 1819, Micajah Fowler, and res. in Sutton. Children :
 - (1). Andrew J., went to New Orleans, where he m. and had a family.
 - (2). Adna S., b. June 13, 1826; m., Nov. 1, 1858, Lucina H., dau. of Samuel Shepard of N. L., where he res.
 - (3). Cyrus A., m., Dec. 6, 1858, Amanda M. Pressey, and has two children; res. Lawrence, Mass.
8. Abigail, b. April 23, 1796; m., Dec. 17, 1828, Thomas Cole, Jr., of Orange.
9. Amanda, b. Sept. 21, 1798; m., June 27, 1822, Ira, son of David and Catharine Smith, b. Jan. 16, 1799; res. in N. L.
10. Alvira, b. July 8, 1805; m., March 18, 1832, Daniel B. Cole of Orange; d. December, 1845.

EASTMAN, BENJAMIN.—The petition for N. L.'s incorporation, dated Jan. 22, 1779, is signed by Benjamin Eastman, who on Aug. 3, of the same year, was chosen second selectman of the town. The selectmen of 1779 served as a committee to lay out roads, and on Nov. 13, Benjamin Eastman signed the returns of two highways laid out by the committee. He also joined in the warning of the "annual March meeting" of 1780. This Benjamin Eastman is probably the same person mentioned in Wheeler's "History of Newport," p. 373, as the son of Joseph and grandson of Benjamin, b. at Salisbury, Mass., Sept. 9, 1730. He descended from Roger Eastman, who came from England in 1640 and settled at Salisbury. He was in Boscawen and New London, and went to Newport in 1781;

was a deacon; m. Susannah Jackman, and had nine children,—Jeremiah, Susannah, Enoch, Hannah, Susannah, Johnson, Ezra, Amos, Benjamin—the first b. July 2, 1758, the last June 22, 1781.

EMERSON, NATHANIEL.—The earliest mention of Nathaniel Emerson is in a list of persons baptized by Elder Seamans March 8, 1793; he also appears among the petitioners for the appointment of a coroner in 1794. This pioneer lived near the second Pike brook, beyond the first ridge southwest of Horace Hurd's. The ruins of his buildings are visible to-day. Situated as he was, so near the Fishersfield line, his interests in many respects became identical with those of his neighbors across the border, and he is said to have descendants now living in Newbury. In 1800 the Pike brook of to-day was well known as Emerson's brook.

EMERY, JOHN.—John Emery paid no poll tax in N. L. for the year 1800, but is taxed for a cow and a yoke of steers. It is quite probable that he was employed temporarily at Harvey's mills. "John Emery and Sarah his wife," according to the records, had,—

1. Sarah, b. Sept. 27, 1797.
2. John, b. Oct. 11, 1799.

EVERETT, JONATHAN.—There was at the first town meeting of Dedham, Mass., Aug. 18, 1636, a Richard Everett, who res. in that town until his death. He was at one time an Indian trader in the employ of William Pyncheon, one of the original patentees of the Massachusetts Bay company and the founder of Springfield, Mass. Capt. John, son of the above Richard, was sent from Dedham in November, 1694, with his company to assist in quelling the Indian disturbances in New Hampshire, and was stationed at Exeter. He m., May 13, 1662, and had seven children, of whom the youngest, Richard, b. at Dedham, Aug. 24, 1683, m. Mary Fuller, March 3, 1708-9. Their children were Joshua, Mary, Jeremiah, Timothy, Jonathan, Israel, Bethia, Hannah, Abigail. Of these, at least one, Jeremiah, breathed the air of N. L. in its earliest days. He was the father of Penuel and Levi, the Low Plain pioneers, and passed some of his later years in New Hampshire and Vermont. Jonathan, brother of Jeremiah and son of Richard, had a son of the same name, who came to N. L. from Attleboro,

Mass., before 1789, and settled on the Capt. A. J. Sargent farm, living first in a log cabin, then in a frame house standing on the same site as Captain Sargent's. He became one of the new town's most influential citizens, and was the ancestor of distinguished descendants. Jonathan Everett was b. June 16, 1748. He m., at Attleboro, Mary Messenger of Wrentham, Mass., b. March 9, 1764. She was a woman of superior intellectual attainments for her day, and of unusual force of character. Jonathan d. Nov. 13, 1816, and Mary m. (2), Elder Job Seamans (his second wife). The children of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett were,—

1. David, b. Sept. 6, 1783; m., Sept. 13, 1807, Amy Snowden of Sackville, Nova Scotia, a niece of Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans; res. in N. L.
2. Susan, b. March 21, 1785; m. Roger Farnum of Attleboro, Mass., and d., leaving four children, one of whom, Susan Everett Farnum, was the first matron of the Centennial Home for the Aged in Concord, and at her death generously remembered that institution.
3. Emily, b. Jan. 20, 1787; m. John Gates, and res. in N. L.
4. Jonathan, b. June 21, 1789; m., Nov. 15, 1815, Apphia, dau. of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee, b. May 13, 1795, and res. in N. L.
5. Daniel, b. May 9, 1791; m., May 7, 1818, Rachel, dau. of Benjamin Moody and Rachel (Herrick) Clement, b. Hopkinton, Sept. 10, 1794, and res. in N. L.
6. Marcus, b. Aug. 10, 1793; d. Sept. 22, 1794.
7. Mary, b. Nov. 24, 1795; m., Nov. 24, 1814, Anthony, son of Joseph and Anna (Heath) Colby, b. Nov. 13, 1792, and res. in N. L.
8. Rhoda, b. Aug. 21, 1798; m., July 22, 1824, Capt. Jonathan Herrick (his second wife), and res. in N. L.

EVERETT, LIEUT. LEVI.—Levi, the son of Jeremiah and Mindwell (Shepard) Everett, and fifth in descent from Richard Everett of Dedham, Mass., was the first settler on the farm now occupied by John Colby. Later, however, he built the house near Bucklin's corner now owned by Albert Hunting. He was in N. L. before 1783, having gained his title of lieutenant by a service of three years and three months in the Revolution, and at once took a prominent part in town affairs. He was b. at Attleboro, Mass., Sept. 23, 1760; m. Lucy

Titus, b. Rehoboth, Mass., Oct. 7, 1762, and d. at Springfield, March 5, 1844. Lucy (Titus) Everett d. Oct. 25, 1832, at N. L. Children :

1. Olive, b. April 9, 1786; removed to Lowell, Mass.; m. Mr. Balcolm. She d. at Lowell, having had six children,—Everett, Jesse, George, Julia, Lucinda, and one other who d. young.
2. Lucinda, b. April 26, 1788; m., Aug. 28, 1808, Israel, son of Dea. Ebenezer and Hannah (Ordway) Hunting, b. April 12, 1786, and res. in N. L.
3. Dexter, b. March 30, 1790; m. (1), June 9, 1814, Betsey, dau. of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Kimball) Pingree, b. Ipswich, Mass., Sept. 6, 1789; m. (2), Mrs. Hannah, widow of William Cross; res. in N. L.
4. Eunice, b. March 17, 1792; m. Joseph Andrews, Aug. 16, 1829, and res. at Lowell, Mass., and N. L. She had an only dau., who m. Benjamin Odiorne and res. at Lyndon, Vt., where Eunice d.
5. Milton, b. Feb. 28, 1794; m. Zillah W., dau. of Seth and Zillah (Woodbury) Gay, and res. in N. L. and Springfield.
6. Dolly, b. April 12, 1796; m. Abraham Adams, Aug. 27, 1815, and res. in N. L. and Levant, Me.
7. Mindwell, b. Sept. 10, 1798; m. Nathan Brown, Nov. 29, 1821, and res. at Wilmot. *See p 739,*
8. Levi, b. May 20, 1803; m. Rachel ———, and res. in N. L.

EVERETT, ENSIGN NATHANIEL.—The first settler on the O. D. Crockett farm, and one of the earliest in all the town, was Ensign Nathaniel Everett, who had the family love for a military life and gained his title in the militia. His cabin was on the old road to Sutton, not far from the town line. He was public-spirited, and a natural leader of men, but was taken away in middle life, and is buried in the churchyard. The inscription on his headstone is,—“In memory of Ensign Nath^l “Everett, a devout Christian, courteous, affable, & Kind, was “not daunted at his approaching dissolution, calmly quited the “stage Feb^y 14th, 1791. In the 46th year of his Age.” The next stone northwest of Ensign Everett’s has a double inscription, and marks the resting-place of two of his children: Rebekah, who d. May 25, 1780, aged 5 weeks 3 days, and Israel, who d. Oct. 27, 1789, aged 2 years. The latter d. “of a scald,” and Elder Seamans, who attended the funeral, makes this note: “N. B. This child, with an infant of M^r Everett’s

“they dug up, were the first which were buried in our burying “place by the meeting-house.” This is the only documentary knowledge obtainable of his family ; but he had other sons, and a dau., Rebekah, who grew to womanhood and m. Nathaniel Fales, Jr. The sons were Samuel, Jesse, Nathaniel, John. Of these, John m. Sabrina Allen of Windsor, and lived in Lunenburg, Vt., Haverhill, and N. L. The widow of Ensign Everett, Rebekah, moved to Hanover after Nathaniel’s decease, and m. (2) Mr. Dow.

EVERETT, PENUEL.—Penuel Everett was the original settler on the R. E. Farwell farm, and built a plank house on the site of Mr. Farwell’s present residence. He was the son of Jeremiah and Mindwell Everett (a second wife) of Attleboro, Mass., and his mother is buried in the village churchyard. Jeremiah d. March 27, 1798, at Halifax, Vt., aged 85 years; Mindwell d. Sept. 21, 1794, aged 74 years. The first wife of Jeremiah was Rebekah Blackington of Attleboro, Mass. They were m. April 22, 1736, and had seven children, Richard, Rebekah, Jeremiah, Anne, John, Molly, Hannah. Rebekah, the wife, d. Nov. 25, 1753, at Attleboro, and Jeremiah m. (2) Mrs. Mindwell, widow of Nathaniel Shepard. They had Samuel, Hannah, Penuel, and Levi, of whom the two latter were among the N. L. pioneers. Jeremiah was an uncle of Jonathan Everett, the first settler on the Capt. A. J. Sargent farm, and probably a cousin of Ensign Nathaniel Everett, who preceded the Woodburys on the Crockett farm. Penuel and Hannah (Slack) Everett were m. Jan. 16, 1783, and were in N. L. before 1784, but about 1790 removed to Lunenburg, Vt., thence to Haverhill, where they were in 1796, returning to N. L. in 1797. Their children were,—

1. Achsa, b. Feb. 18, 1784 ; m., March 3, 1806, Frederick Ballard of Lebanon.
2. Eunice, b. Dec. 10, 1785.
3. Clarissa, b. Dec. 12, 1787 ; m., Feb. 21, 1808, John Baker of Fishersfield.
4. Otis, b. Feb. 18, 1789 ; m., Nov. 5, 1815, Mary, dau. of Ebenezer and Sally (Burpee) Shepard, b. Oct. 4, 1793, and res. in N. L.
5. Richard, b. March 7, 1791 ; m. Rhoda, dau. of Eli and Rhoda (Drake) Haskins, and res. in N. L.

6. Leonard, b. June 10, 1793 ; d. Aug. 4, 1793, at Lunenburg, Vt.
7. Sally, b. June 21, 1794 ; d. Lunenburg, July 18, 1794.
8. Fanny, b. Dec. 18, 1796 ; m., Oct. 24, 1820, John, son of Benjamin Moody and Rachel (Herrick) Clement, b. June 6, 1797, and res. in N. L. and Bangor, Me.
9. Sally, b. April 13, 1798 ; m., Nov. 7, 1822, Zenas, son of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick, b. June 28, 1796, who at that time was "of Plainfield," but afterwards removed to Corinth, Me., or its vicinity.
10. Polly, b. Oct. 21, 1800 ; d. March 13, 1803.
11. Leonard, b. June 4, 1802 ; removed to Corinth, Me., or its vicinity.
12. Lyman, b. Sept. 21, 1804 ; removed to Maine.

FALES, NATHANIEL.—Nathaniel Fales was in N. L. in 1788, and was one of the "first singers" elected by the town, but his name does not appear on the 1800 tax-list. The reason for this omission is found in the fact that after living on the John Trussell place till 1798, he sold his land there and removed to the site of the present Lakeside, then in Wendall. Later he was on the summit of Burpee hill, near the Gilman H. Whitney house. In 1805 his name and those of his sons, Nathaniel, Jr., and Andrew, appear on the N. L. invoice, together with those of the other residents of that part of Wendall annexed to N. L. the preceding year. Nathaniel Fales was b. 1762, in Massachusetts, probably at Dedham. He m. Mary, sister of Ensign Nathaniel Everett, b. about 1756, probably at Dedham, Mass. Husband and wife were baptized Nov. 21, 1792, at N. L., by Rev. Job Seamans. Their children were,—

1. Nathaniel, b. March 14, 1780 ; m., about 1806, Rebekah, dau. of Ensign Nathaniel and Rebekah Everett, and res. in N. L.
2. Andrew, b. June 6, 1782 ; m. and res. a short time in N. L., then at Warner, Manchester, and Worcester, Mass. His wife's name was Abigail, and they had two sons, Joseph and Marshall. Joseph was b. at N. L., Dec. 18, 1810.
3. Mary, b. April 6, 1784 ; m. Jeremiah Fales, and res. at Dedham, Mass.
4. Samuel, b. May 2, 1786 ; m. and res. at N. L.
5. Leonard, b. April 27, 1788 ; res. at Hopkinton ; never m.
6. David, b. June 20, 1790 ; m. and res. in Lawrence, Mass., where he d., leaving children.

7. Horatio, b. March 19, 1792; m., Nov. 11, 1824, Anna, dau. of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah Burpee, b. Feb. 5, 1795, and res. at N. L.

8. Sarah, b. Feb. 21, 1794; m., Feb. 1, 1816, Samuel, son of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah Burpee, b. Jan. 1, 1793, and res. at N. L.

GAY, GEN. ELIPHALET.—The Gays as a family are thought to be of French or Italian origin, but it is certain that there were two emigrants of that name who came from England to America early in the 17th century. One of these settled on a Virginia grant; the other, John Gay, who came over in 1630, was a member of Governor Winthrop's colony for Massachusetts Bay. Ephraim Gay, the common ancestor of the Gays in N. L., was seventh in descent from this John. Ephraim res. in Attleboro, Mass., though the later years of his life were spent with his children in N. L., where he d., March, 1817, aged 83; Lois, his wife, d. in N. L., Dec. 28, 1806, aged 67. The names of their eleven children are inscribed on the headstone in the churchyard. Three of these, Eliphalet, Seth, and William, res. in N. L.; Fisher located in Hillsborough; Ephraim, Jr., and David went to Rockland, Me., where the former d.; Asa res. in Camden, Me., and afterwards in Ohio; Stephen was one of the first settlers of St. Louis, Mo.; besides three daus., Lois, Lydia, and Eunice. Capt. Eliphalet Gay, as the early records have him, was the oldest son of Ephraim. He served in the War of the Revolution as a volunteer, entering the army when he was but sixteen. In later years he was connected with the state militia, and gained therein his later titles of major and general. He was accounted in his day as rather eccentric in manner, but fearless and upright in his dealings with his fellow-men; a man of resolute purpose, and a tireless worker. Eliphalet was twice m., his first wife being Anna Wadleigh, who bore him six sons and daus., and d. in September, 1792; his second wife, Margaret, had by him two daus., making him the father of eight children. He came to N. L. in the early '80s, and settled in the Low Plain district. The present road from Crockett's corner to near the Timothy Crowley place, was laid out to one side and along the line between the first and second ranges of lots, and Captain Gay on his side of the road owned nearly or quite to the present Wilmot line. His house stood on the now vacant corner lot

northwest of Frank P. Sargent's and very nearly opposite Levi Sanborn's. His brother William had located near him, on the opposite side of the road; and as his sons grew to manhood and had their homes close by, the neighborhood came to be known as Gay corner. After Wilmot was set off from N. L. in 1807, Eliphalet, with his son William, moved to the westerly corner of Wilmot, and established a tavern about a mile and a half north of the Hayes (or Mills) place in N. L.; and there his declining years were passed. Children:

1. Lois, b. April 18, 1785; m., about 1803, Joseph Severens.
2. Patty (Martha), b. Oct. 1, 1786; m. Michael Kimball; res. Wilmot.
3. Eliphalet, b. Dec. 8, 1787; m. Abigail, dau. of Abner and Abigail (Sargent) Whittier, b. Nov. 12, 1793, and res. in N. L.
4. William, b. June 4, 1789; m., June 3, 1811, Margaret, dau. of James and Eunice (Cotter) Harvey, b. at Nottingham, April 21, 1787, and res. in Wilmot. Children:
 - (1). Abigail Caroline, b. Dec. 15, 1812; m., Feb. 27, 1831, Charles Poor, and res. in Wilmot. The oldest of their eight children, William Gay Poor, later res. in N. L.
 - (2). Daniel, b. May 22, 1814; m. and res. in Concord.
 - (3). William Plummer, b. Feb. 1, 1816; m. Hannah Smith; res. West Concord.
 - (4). James Munroe, b. Feb. 10, 1818; twice m.; res. Loudon.
5. Daniel, b. Nov. 26, 1790; went West.
6. Joseph, b. March 26, 1792.
7. Nancy, b. June 25, 1795.
8. Anna, b. Jan. 27, 1797.

GAY, SETH.—Seth, the seventh son of Ephraim and Lois Gay, was b. in Attleboro, Mass., in 1771. He came to N. L. at the age of 16, following the footprints of his older brother, Eliphalet. He m. (1), May 13, 1793, Zillah, dau. of Lieut. Benjamin and Zillah (Dow) Woodbury, b. Sept. 28, 1774. His first location was on the Hartford place, where he preceded Greene French, but some time before 1800 he moved to Springfield and settled on the Gilman Smith place, of which Andrew J. Kidder is the present owner. Zillah was the mother of four children, and d. June 5, 1801, at the age of 27. Seth m. (2), in 1803, Mary Morrill of Springfield, b. April 17, 1778. Eight children were added to the family by this marriage. Mary (Morrill) Gay was blind at the time of her death, which

occurred March 23, 1829, at the age of 51. Seth m. (3), the Widow Nelson of Wilmot, mother of William Nelson who works in the tannery at Wilmot Flat. She d. in Manchester, at the home of her son-in-law, Dea. Nahum Baldwin. Seth d. March 27, 1844. He, with his first and second wives and eight children, is buried in the cemetery at N. L. His children were,—

1. Jonathan W., b. Nov. 5, 1794; d. March 3, 1817.
2. Zillah W., b. Nov. 17, 1797; m., about 1815, Milton, son of Levi and Lucy (Titus) Everett, b. Feb. 28, 1794, and res. in N. L.
3. Seth W., b. June 2, 1799; he went to Cambridge, Mass., where he m., res., and d., leaving Charles, Emmeline, George, Mary Ann.
4. Polly W., b. Jan. 18, 1801; she went to Kentucky, where she m.; d. September, 1837.
5. Delia W., b. Sept. 13, 1804; m., April 10, 1839, Anthony S., son of Joel and Hannah (Smith) Fletcher, b. May 25, 1807; Delia d. Aug. 19, 1883. They had no children.
6. Ann F., b. March 25, 1806; m. (1), March, 1835, Robert Coburn (his second wife); m. (2) Richard Whittier. Ann d. Dec. 26, 1887. No children.
7. Daniel M., b. May 24, 1807; never m.; lived with his father on the Smith place; d. Dec. 22, 1841. The records in the family Bible were kept by him, and under his own name is this inscription: "Daniel M. Gay was Born May 24-1807. Born of God March The 1-1836 At the Age of 28 and 9 Months. Baptised July 31-1836 By Reuben Sawyer of Newlondon And United With Baptist Church in that place. Let Every Thing That Hath Breath Praise The Lord. Praise ye The Lord."
8. Roxannah W., b. Nov. 22, 1808; never m.; d. May 16, 1838.
9. Benjamin W., b. Sept. 1, 1810; m., April 10, 1837, Sarah, dau. of Isaac and Martha (Stevens) Messer, b. May 1, 1815, and res. in N. L.
10. Mehitable W., b. March 30, 1813; never m.; d. Oct. 5, 1841.
11. "Stephen, d. August, 1815, aged 20 months," according to his headstone in the churchyard.
12. Stephen, b. Feb. 7, 1816; m. (1) Martha Jane, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Messer) Chase of Springfield, and res. in New Orleans, where his children were b. Stephen m. (2) Clara, dau. of Bishop Guion of New Orleans. He was editor of the *Commercial Bulletin*, and lived at 151 Julia street.

GAY, WILLIAM.—William, the second son of Ephraim and Lois Gay, b. Attleboro, Mass., Aug. 1, 1761, seems to have been at Hillsborough with his brother Fisher before coming to N. L., as the records say his eldest child was b. in that town in 1792, and the second child in N. L. in 1794. William purchased from Capt. Jonas Minot a part of lot 31, lying nearly west of the location earlier selected by his brother, Capt. Eliphalet, and erected the homestead now occupied by his grandson, Charles W. Gay. He also bought a large lot of land from his brother, including a considerable portion of what was later in the village of Scytheville and the water privilege at the outlet of Lake Pleasant, the same being a part of lots 23, 24, 25, and 26. Charles W. Gay has a deed of a part of the land conveyed by Eliphalet Gay and Margaret his wife to William. The deed is dated July 23, 1796, and acknowledged Oct. 30, 1797, by Levi Harvey, justice of the peace. The witnesses are John King, who was living on the Mason Emery place, on the northeast shore of Lake Pleasant, and George Carpenter. William m., Feb. 19, 1792, Nabby (Abigail) Carpenter, b. Nov. 8, 1771. He d. Aug. 19, 1844; she d. April 7, 1856. Their children were,—

1. Nabby, b. Hillsborough, Dec. 4, 1792; d. Nov. 4, 1811.
2. Linda (Belinda), b. N. L., May 1, 1794; m., March 30, 1818, John, son of Josiah and Hannah (Morgan) Davis, b. June 25, 1794, and res. in N. L.
3. David, b. July 14, 1796; m., Nov. 9, 1819, Asenath, dau. of Josiah and Hannah (Morgan) Davis, b. Jan. 16, 1798, and res. in N. L.
4. Asa, b. May 4, 1798; m., Nov. 30, 1837, Susan Morrill of Warner, and res. on the homestead in N. L.
5. William, b. June 23, 1800; m. Rhoda McLaughlin, and res. in East Corinth, Me. Children :
 - (1). Abby, b. Nov. 11, 1829; m. William Dustin, and res. in Dustin, Neb. Children : William, Minnie and Fannie (twins), Louie.
 - (2). Maria, b. June 16, 1831; m. Charles Barrett, and res. in California.
 - (3). Isabella, b. Feb. 21, 1833; d. in California.
 - (4). Mercy, b. June 24, 1835; m. Henry Taylor, and res. in Melrose, Mass. They have one child, Lettie.
 - (5). Sarah, b. Nov. 25, 1836; m. Mr. Fletcher, and res. in Ayer, Mass. They have a son, Harry, and a dau.

- (6). Celesta, b. May 29, 1846; m. H. H. Shaw, and res. in Portland, Me. Children: Annabel, Winfield.
- (7). Emma, b. Jan. 22, 1851; m. Mr. Moore, and res. in Portland, Me.
6. Orin, b. Oct. 19, 1803; d. Nov. 6, 1811.
7. Ija, b. Jan. 14, 1806; m., Oct. 25, 1834, Mary Esther, dau. of Solomon and Mary (Collins) Adams, b. May 29, 1814, and res. in N. L.
8. Lucy, b. June 15, 1808; m. John Baker of Newbury, and res. in Derry. They had,—
- (1). Charles.
 - (2). Francis, res. at Derry.
 - (3). William, a merchant in Boston.
 - (4). Orin, a Methodist clergyman in Vermont.
9. Maria, b. Dec. 20, 1810; m., Feb. 18, 1838, Chauncey Coffran of Pembroke (his second wife), and moved to East Corinth, Me. Children:
- (1). John D., b. Oct. 16, 1838; d. Oct. 12, 1839.
 - (2). Josephine D., twin to John D.
 - (3). Maria, b. Feb. 8, 1841.
 - (4). Avilda, b. April 18, 1844.
 - (5). Chauncey, b. Aug. 19, 1846; d. Aug. 18, 1855.
 - (6). Jasper, b. Dec. 2, 1851; graduated from Wesleyan university, Middletown, Conn., and from College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city. *See p 739.*
 - (7). Justin, twin to Jasper.
10. Nabby, b. April 14, 1815; m. Charles Hall of Concord, and res. at Millville, where she d. Jan. 14, 1868. They had one child, Maria.

GILE, DAVID.—The original Gile families in N. L. were decendants of Samuel Gile, who in 1640 was at Haverhill, Mass. David was fifth in descent from Samuel, being the son of Ephraim and Mary (Simons) Gile, who removed in 1770 from Haverhill to Sutton. He was b. in Haverhill, April 29, 1763; m., April 10, 1788, Phebe, dau. of Benjamin and Elizabeth (Chandler) Mastin of Sutton; res. in Sutton till about 1792, when he removed to what is now known as the Hiram Baker place, in the West Part of N. L. He d. in N. L., Oct. 6, 1801. Perhaps no better indication can be given of the character of the man thus early removed from his wife and little ones, than to insert the brief summary which follows the mention of his decease in Elder Seamans's diary: "Mr. Gile

“was a good member of society, lived desired and died greatly
“lamented.” Children :

1. Betsey, b. Sutton, Jan. 21, 1789; m., Feb. 6, 1812, Joshua, son of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick, b. Jan. 29, 1789.
2. Benjamin, b. Jan. 10, 1791; m., Nov. 19, 1811, Delia, dau. of Joel and Dillah Fletcher, b. Newport, June 9, 1791, and res. in N. L.
3. David S., b. N. L., Oct. 30, 1793; m., Oct. 10, 1822, Emily, dau. of Asa and Abigail Gage, b. Pelham, June 14, 1802, and res. in N. L.
4. James Manning, b. Jan. 26, 1796.
5. Asa, b. March 29, 1798; m. Rebekah P. Sweet, and removed “down East.”
6. Rapsima, b. Feb. 10, 1801; m. David, son of Jesse and Dolly (Crocker) Blake.

GILE, EPHRAIM.—The town books show that Ephraim Gile was of N. L. in 1781. He evidently lived in three different locations, all within the present town boundaries,—first, in the West Part, not far from the Amos Currier house; second on the place now occupied by Arthur Holmes; third, just opposite Gilman H. Whitney’s, on the top of Burpee hill. Ephraim was a descendant of Samuel Gile, an early resident of Haverhill, Mass., and was a cousin of Ephraim Gile of Sutton, who was the father of the David mentioned previously. He was b. April 9, 1752; m. Lois Currier, and res. in Sanford, Me., in 1777. A year later he was in Warner, coming thence to N. L. Ephraim d. Nov. 16, 1820, aged 68; Lois d. April 29, 1811, aged 57. Children :

1. Daniel, b. Warner, May 28, 1778.
2. Sarah, b. N. L., Aug. 24, 1781; m., about 1804, Obediah Clough, and res. for three years in N. L., where they had one child, Harriet, b. April 10, 1806. Obediah Clough was taxed as a non-resident for 25 acres of lot 70, from 1821 to 1827, when the land passed to Nathan Jones.
3. Zerviah, b. Dec. 9, 1783; m., Feb. 16, 1808, Levi Hastings of Fishersfield.
4. Lois, b. June 4, 1785; never m.
5. Ruth, b. June 1, 1787; m. Mr. Cheney.
6. Theodate, b. June 8, 1789.
7. Mary, b. June 2, 1794; never m.; d. on Burpee hill, May 14, 1821.

GOODWIN, NATHAN.—The first constable of N. L. was Nathan Goodwin, a man of considerable influence among the pioneers. He appears to have received a more than ordinary education, and to have been upright in his private life, as well as public-spirited. He was a selectman in 1780, was an early member of the church, having been baptized March 25, 1788, the time of Elder Seamans's second visit to N. L., and on Nov. 2, 1788, was one of the committee who, in behalf of the church, signed the formal call of the town's first minister. From the town records it would appear that he lived near Pike's landing in the present Soonipi-side Park. Elder Seamans writes, that on Wednesday, Oct. 8, 1788, he preached at Nathan Goodwin's, "After which Ebenezer Hunting, John Morgan, Jr., and Hannah Goodwin [wife of Nathan], gave a "relation of their Faith in Christ, and I Baptized them."

GREELEY, 'SQUIRE JONATHAN.—If any one were to mention Jonathan Greeley to an old resident of N. L., a second thought on the part of the listener would be needed before he knew to whom the speaker referred; but if "'Squire Greeley" is spoken of, every one knows at once that the early settler on the J. D. and F. O. Prescott farm is meant. Jonathan was the son of Joseph and Prudence (Clement) Greeley, and traced his descent from Andrew the immigrant, an original proprietor of Salisbury, Mass., who came to America previous to 1640. His mother, Prudence Clement, was the dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Greenleaf) Clement, and of the fourth generation from Robert, who made his home at Haverhill, Mass., in 1642. 'Squire Greeley and Josiah Brown, Esq., were boys together at East Haverhill, and it was quite a coincidence that their later years should be passed together in N. L., where they ranked with 'Squire Colby and Lieutenant Woodbury as leading men of the town in their day. It is said that Jonathan came to town with only his household goods and a kit of tools, for he was a carpenter and blacksmith, and beginning with these, not only served well his neighbors and townsmen, but accumulated for himself a homestead and many acres of land, until he was one of the town's wealthiest men. He had a blacksmith's shop near his dwelling-house. He m., Sept. 12, 1793, Polly, dau. of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (McCordy) Shepard, b. 1773, who possessed the indefatigable energy and conspicuous grit of her

family, and was an important factor in her husband's success. 'Squire Jonathan d. Dec. 5, 1849, aged 80; Polly d. Dec. 15, 1853, aged 80. Their children were,—

1. Nancy, b. Warner, June 13, 1794; m., Feb. 24, 1820, Capt. Samuel Carr, and res. in N. L.
2. James, b. Dec. 6, 1795 (presumably at N. L.); d. Aug. 12, 1820. He was a most promising young man, especially remarkable for his intellectual endowments. The Alvin F. Messer house was built for him by his father, but he d. unmarried.
3. Cynthia, b. Sept. 2, 1798; d. June 7, 1802.
4. Mary S., b. Feb. 27, 1802; m., Feb. 13, 1827, Capt. Marshall Trayne, and res. in N. L.
5. Jonathan, b. Jan. 14, 1804; d. Jan. 25, 1804.
6. Sally, b. March 2, 1805; d. Feb. 16, 1818.
7. Susan E., b. Jan. 8, 1811; m., Sept. 23, 1834, Walter P. Flanders, Esq, "of Gilford," and res. in N. L.

HADLEY, JACOB.—That Jacob Hadley was among the earliest settlers is shown by his signature to the petition for incorporation. He was probably the pioneer on the Fletcher place at the Hominy Pot, which was occupied later by Joseph Harvey. Several of the earlier town meetings were held at his house, and he was chosen highway surveyor in 1782. He took the oath of allegiance before Esquire Bailey in May, 1783, and was one of the petitioners for a special meeting two weeks later, but there is no further mention of him in the town records, and doubtless his removal to Hancock was not far from the above date. According to the "History of Hancock," *p.* 630, Hadley "was highway surveyor in 1786, bought a pew in the meeting-house in 1790, and was a tax-payer as late as 1792, but "nothing further is known of the family." Elder Seamans also records the fact that on Monday, Nov. 10, 1788, he "Preached "at Mr. Jacob Hadley's in Hancock at 9 o'clock, a. m., from "Coll., ii: 2." From the same source comes the knowledge of a Polly Hadley of N. L., who m. Ebenezer Kezar of N. L., Nov. 11, 1795, and may have been a connection of Jacob, who had by his wife Elizabeth, during his residence in N. L.,—

1. Jacob, b. Jan. 18, 1780.
2. Elizabeth, b. March 15, 1782.

HARVEY, JOSEPH.—At the Hominy Pot of the early days there was, in addition to the saw- and grist-mills of Levi

Harvey, Esq., a hat factory belonging to Joseph Harvey, who lived near the house now owned by Mrs. Fletcher. Harvey was a man of some prominence in town affairs, and during the years of his residence here several important items of public business were delegated to him. He was probably a connection of Levi, and several of his children have the family names. In 1816 he sold his property to Jedediah P. Sabin, and removed from town, tradition locating him "out West." Part of the hat factory was moved away, and became the basis of the original house on the Frank Roberts (or Manahan) place, Sabin establishing a carding- and cloth-dressing-mill in its stead. Joseph and Nancy Harvey had,—

1. Charles, b. Feb. 6, 1797.
2. Bradbury Mills, b. June 4, 1798; d. Dec. 21, 1798.
3. Susanna, b. April 2, 1800.
4. Bradbury Mills, b. Aug. 5, 1802.
5. Matthew, b. Jan. 14, 1805.
6. Levi, b. March 20, 1807.
7. Jerusha, b. Nov. 2, 1811.
8. Dorothy, b. Nov. 22, 1813.

HARVEY, LIEUT. LEVI.—Levi Harvey, lieutenant of the early militia, justice of the peace, and miller at that locality in N. L. once called Minot's square but now known as the Hominy Pot, was one of the most influential of the pioneers. He lived near the mills, at the site of the red house now occupied by Albert Davis. Levi was of the same line as the famous Harveys of Sutton, being a brother of Dea. Matthew Harvey, and an uncle of the Jonathan and Matthew who in 1818 were respectively president of the New Hampshire senate and speaker of the New Hampshire house of representatives. He was b. at Amesbury, Mass., July 1, 1745, the son of Jonathan and Susanna (George) Harvey, and was of the fifth generation from William and Joan Harvey, who in 1639 were living at Plymouth, Mass. Levi came to N. L. about 1780, and d. about 1810. His wife's maiden name was Betsey Randlett. Her mother, Widow Elizabeth Randlett, d. in N. L., Jan. 10, 1796. The children of Levi and Betsey (Randlett) Harvey were,—

1. Molly, b. Nov. 26, 1770; m., Feb. 8, 1791, Samuel, son of Capt. Samuel and Jane Brocklebank, b. June 12, 1765.
2. Jonathan, b. April 18, 1772; m., about 1800, Hannah Cram, and res. in N. L.

3. Levi, b. Feb. 22, 1774; m., April 30, 1801, Polly, dau. of Benjamin and Judith Adams, and res. in N. L.
4. Betsey, b. May 10, 1776; m., March 7, 1796, Samuel Morgan, an early settler on the Capt. Woodbury Knowlton place, King's hill, Sutton. They had one child whose death is recorded among the N. L. vital statistics, viz., Jacob, who d. Dec. 23, 1800, aged 6 mos. Betsey d. June 25, 1801.
5. Judah (Judith), b. Jan. 10, 1778; m. Ebenezer Scribner about 1801.
6. Sally, b. Oct. 10, 1779. She may have been the Eunice referred to in the "History of Sutton," p. 748, as having m. Mr. Harris.
7. Dolly, b. October, 1781; m. Henry Morgan, a grandson of Capt. John Morgan, and res. in N. L.
8. Joseph, b. May 7, 1783.
9. James, b. April 1, 1785.
10. Susanna, b. Feb. 22, 1787; m. Hubbard Cross, and res. in Newbury; children,—Betsey, Nelson, Charles.
11. Matthew, b. Feb. 20, 1789; never m.; res. in N. L.

HARVEY, LEVI, JR.—Levi, Jr., was the second son of Lieut. Levi and Betsey (Randlett) Harvey, b. Feb. 22, 1774. He was interested with his father in the mills at the Hominy Pot, held numerous town offices, and was justice of the peace. April 30, 1801, he m. Mary (Polly), dau. of Benjamin and Judith Adams, b. May 21, 1782. For more than a quarter-century he was a resident of the town, and for several years after he went West his wife and children res. on the John Ellis farm. Children:

1. George W., b. Sept. 30, 1801; paid a poll tax in 1823 and 1824; no further record.
2. Eliza, b. Jan. 2, 1803; m., Jan. 1, 1828, Joshua, son of Benjamin Moody and Rachel (Herrick) Clement of N. L., and res. and d. in Thetford, Vt.
3. John L., b. April 22, 1805; m. Corinda Savage, and res. in Boston; was on city police force 40 years.
4. Sally J., b. May 5, 1807.
5. Ruth W., b. Feb. 18, 1809.
6. James M., b. Jan. 21, 1811; d. Feb. 16, 1811.
7. Pierce, b. Dec. 17, 1811.
8. William H. H., b. Dec. 21, 1813; d. Nov. 5, 1821.
9. Stephen D., b. Dec. 15, 1815.
10. Mary A., b. Feb. 3, 1818; m. Jonathan G., son of Milton and Zillah (Gay) Everett, b. Nov. 28, 1817, and res. in N. L.

11. Calista, b. Feb. 5, 1821; d. June 29, 1822.

12. Rufus L., b. Oct. 25, 1823; never m.; d. at Scytheville and is buried in the cemetery there.

HAYES, DEA. ZEBEDEE.—Zebedee Hayes, who was a soldier of the Revolution, together with his wife Chloe and one child, moved from Attleboro, Mass., to N. L. in 1787 or 1788, and first lived in a log house which was located on the present Daniel S. Seamans farm, a short distance northwest of Mr. Seamans's dwelling. Later Zebedee exchanged clearings with John Slack, and lived in the house which stood formerly on the site of Austin Morgan's present residence. Here he lived until after Chloe's death, Dec. 10, 1812, at the age of 53. Zebedee m. (2), May 11, 1815, Mehitabel, widow of Ezekiel Knowlton, who had inherited from her first husband the present J. D. Pingree house and the farm originally connected with it. Deacon Hayes lived there for a time, but returned finally to his former home at Low Plain, then owned by his son James, where he d., Nov. 9, 1832, aged 74 years. "Lord's Day, March 10th, 1793, Zebedee Hayes and Chloe, his wife," were baptized by Elder Seamans. He was chosen deacon of the church July 5, 1793, and served 18 years; was reappointed Feb. 19, 1819, and served till his death in 1832—31 years in all. Children:

1. Jerusha, b. Attleboro, June 7, 1783; d. April 29, 1785.

2. James, b. Attleboro, April 3, 1786; m. Olive Fuller of Westmoreland, and res. at N. L.

3. John, b. N. L., Sept. 14, 1788; m., June 12, 1814, Abigail, dau. of Solomon and Molly (Bancroft) Adams, and res. in N. L.

4 and 5. Chloe and Zebedee, b. May 20, 1790; d. March 5, 1797.

6. Jonathan, b. Sept. 4, 1794; d. Oct. 20, 1794.

HERRICK, JONATHAN.—The Herrick family in N. L. is of English descent, the oldest known ancestor being Henry Herrick, who was (probably) the son of Sir William Herrick of Leicester, England. Henry Herrick was b. in England in 1604, and came first to Virginia, then to Salem, Mass., he and his wife, Editha (Laskin) Herrick, being among the thirty constituted members of the First church, Salem, founded in 1629. Henry finally located in what is now Beverly, and settled his sons—Zacharie, Ephraim, Joseph, John—on farms near him. John Herrick, b. 1650, m., in 1674, Mary Redington, of Topsfield, Mass., and d. in 1680. Their son, John, b. 1675, m., in

1696, Sarah Kimball, and d. in 1722. John and Sarah (Kimball) Herrick had a son, Jonathan, b. 1710, who m. Mary Dodge in 1731, and in 1781 came to Hopkinton, whither their son, Jonathan, Jr., b. 1736, had removed two years previously. Jonathan Herrick, Jr., m. Rachel Allen in 1759. She d. in 1838, at the remarkable age of 103; he d. in Manchester, Mass. Their son, the third Jonathan Herrick and the sixth in descent from Henry Herrick, was b. 1760, making him 19 years old at the time of the family's coming to Hopkinton. In 1783 he m. Betsey Sargent and came to N. L. He purchased land in the vicinity of the Dr. Morrill cottage, between Lakeside and Hastings's shore, where Edmund Davis had made a clearing on first coming to town. His farm lay to the south from the beautiful cove now known as Worthen's, but familiar to the earlier residents of the town as Herrick's. In 1818, Jonathan conveyed this farm to his son Nathan, who removed to Maine six years later. Stephen, a younger son, then had the homestead for a year, and when he, too, went to Maine in 1825, his father accompanied him. Jonathan d. in Corinth, Me., in 1844. The Herrick farm lay in the path of the great hurricane which swept across Lake Sunapee in 1821,—a fact which, perhaps, was influential in the later removal from town of so many members of the Herrick family. The children of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick were,—

1. Nathan, b. March 14, 1784; m., June 18, 1805, Lois, youngest dau. of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, b. March, 1781, and res. in N. L.
2. Jonathan, Jr., b. April 4, 1786; m. (1), Nov. 28, 1811, Sarah, dau. of Lieut. Joseph and Anna (Heath) Colby, b. July 24, 1790; m. (2), 1824, Rhoda, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett, b. Aug. 21, 1798; res. in N. L.
3. Joshua, b. Jan. 29, 1789; m., Feb. 6, 1812, Betsey, dau. of David and Phebe (Mastin) Gile, b. Sutton, Jan. 21, 1789; had one child,—David Gile, b. N. L., Oct. 31, 1812,—but removed later to Corinth, Me., where Betsey d., Oct. 20, 1870. They had in all nine children.
4. Ruth, b. April 8, 1791; m., Dec. 2, 1818, Capt. Nathaniel W. Knowlton, son of Ezekiel and Susanna (Smith) Knowlton, b. Sept. 23, 1794, and res. in N. L.
5. Stephen, b. June 11, 1794; m., March 15, 1824, Mary D., dau. of Ruel and Mary (Hurd) Keith of Newport, b. June 11, 1799.

(Eunice (Keith) Pike, wife of Capt. John Pike, was an older sister of Mary Herrick.) Stephen and his wife res. on the homestead about two years, and their oldest child, Charles Henry Herrick, was b. there, Sept. 9, 1825. The following winter the family removed to Corinth, Me.

6. Zenas, b. June 28, 1796; was a saddle-maker, and in 1820 was living in Sutton; m., Nov. 7, 1822, Sally, dau. of Penuel and Hannah Everett, b. April 13, 1798, and res. in Corinth, Me.
7. Betsey, b. March 12, 1800; m., Jan. 29, 1823, Nathaniel, son of David and Catherine Smith, b. April 12, 1797. Nathaniel was "of Sutton" at the time of his marriage.
8. Charles, b. Sept. 16, 1803; went to Corinth, Me., and about 1824 was killed while felling a tree; unmarried.
9. Hannah Sargent, b. Dec. 3, 1806; m. Henry Dexter of Corinth, Me.

HOLT, NICHOLAS.—The children of Nicholas and Achsa Holt, of the northeast district, recorded among the N. L. vital statistics were,—Fanny, b. March, 2, 1793; Benjamin, b. Jan. 7, 1795. He served as highway surveyor in 1793.

HUNTING, DEA. EBENEZER.—There arrived in Dedham, Mass., 1638, John Hunting, b. 1597, who had been a "ruling elder" of the counties of Norfolk and Suffolk, England, and who brought with him his wife, b. Hester Seabourne (a second cousin of John Rogers), one son, and four daus. The son, John, b. about 1628, m. Elizabeth Paine, April 18, 1671, and d. Sept. 19, 1718, having had seven sons and three daus. His son Stephen, b. May 14, 1688, m. Rebekah Woodward, April 11, 1709, and had at least four sons,—Samuel, Stephen, Daniel, Israel. Of these, Israel, b. Dedham, 1723, m. his cousin, Abigail Hunting, June 11, 1747, and had two sons,—Ebenezer, b. May 3, 1748, and John, b. July 25, 1753. John d. Dec. 7, 1754. Ebenezer m. (1), March 19, 1770, his cousin Lois, dau. of Samuel Hunting mentioned above. Lois d. at Dedham, Aug 1, 1775, having had one son, Enoch,—b. July 9, 1773; d. Aug. 8, 1773. Ebenezer removed to N. L. soon after Lois's death, and built a log cabin not far from the site of the recently removed John Trussell house. On his way hither his halting steps (for he was lame) had been watched by Hannah Ordway, who lived in Warner not far from the Hopkinton line (or *vice versa*), and the womanly interest thus expressed was remembered gratefully by the weary traveller.

The following March he visited at her home, and gained her hand in a marriage which was solemnized April 2, 1778. The return to N. L. from this romantic expedition, a picture of the home life afterwards, and also the experiences and environment which Mr. Hunting had in common with most of the early N. L. settlers, are sketched vividly in a letter written by his son Enoch, printed here through the courtesy of Mr. Albert Hunting:

“ My first recollection of my grandmother is that she was
“ blind, and I used to delight to lead her to visit the neighbors.
“ I used when a little boy to go into their room, and kneel at the
“ great arm chair behind which grandpa stood for his family
“ devotions. I remember, when a very little boy, she was sick
“ and died. Their good Presbyterian minister from Newport,
“ 20 miles distant, came to visit her in her sickness. My father
“ was the second man who settled in New London, N. H.,
“ domiciliating his newly married wife in a log hut covered
“ with spruce bark, the floor of split logs raised enough from
“ the ground so that they could sit before the fire, the ground
“ for a hearth and a few stones protecting the wall (logs) from
“ the fire, with an opening at the top for the smoke to escape.
“ It was December [April], and an ox team could only go to
“ within three miles of their camp. They put on snowshoes.
“ A handsled (wide splits for runners) loaded was drawn by
“ my father, my mother carrying all she could in her hands.
“ A bedstead,—framed with an augur, and basswood bark for a
“ cord,—table, etc., to match, adorned their one room in the
“ clearing which he had commenced soon after the death of
“ his first wife. When on his way thither he first saw my
“ mother about 12 or 15 miles short of the spot where he pitched
“ his tent. At the door of a log house in a new country stood
“ a black-eyed woman . . . watching the steps of a lame,
“ weary, sickly-looking wayfarer. He passed on, and the
“ gossip of the neighbors was, ‘ That cripple will be your hus-
“ band.’ He went on, and in due time took her on snowshoes
“ to his humble cot. They lived a pious life; they died a
“ happy death.” The “grandmother” referred to in the first
part of the above, was Abigail Hunting, who, with her husband, Israel, passed her latest days at Dea. Ebenezer’s. Israel d. at N. L., April 15, 1802; Abigail d. July 17, 1798, aged 84;

the bodies of both repose in the village cemetery on Summer street. After a few years residence on his first location Ebenezer built a more commodious dwelling-house not far from the Sutton line, on land now owned by James E. Shepard and nearly opposite the house afterwards erected by his son Israel. He lived there until Feb. 8, 1821, when he d., full of years and honors. He was chosen deacon of the church Jan. 8, 1789, and served till death—more than 32 years. Hannah d. Dec. 2, 1820, aged 73. Children :

1. Jonathan, b. Jan. 23, 1779 ; m., June 12, 1804, Sally, dau. of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (McCordy) Shepard, b. 1776, and took up his residence on that part of his father's farm which lay in Sutton. Jonathan d. Oct. 1, 1861 ; Sally d. Jan. 9, 1835 ; they are buried in the N. L. cemetery. Children :
 - (1). Israel, b. May 10, 1805 ; m. Lydia Blaisdell of Auburn, where they res. and where Israel d., Oct. 21, 1844, leaving two sons,—James B. and Samuel H.—who res. in Auburn.
 - (2). Polly, b. April 21, 1807 ; never m. ; res. at Malden, Mass., with her brother William, where she d. May 28, 1883.
 - (3). Jonathan G., b. Oct. 5, 1809 ; m., Oct. 6, 1835, Harriet Rowe of Chester, and res. in N. L.
 - (4). William S., b. May 7, 1812 ; never m. ; res. at Malden, Mass., where he d.
 - (5). Enoch, b. Jan. 15, 1815 ; m. (1), in 1846, Mary A. Rowe of Chester (sister of Harriet above),—no children ; m. (2), Oct. 5, 1851, Mary A. Sloan of Boston, and res. at Maplewood, Mass. Children : (a) Mary E., d. in infancy ; (b) Amelia V., m., Feb. 4, 1886, W. L. Cushman, and res. at Maplewood ; (c) Herbert E., never m., res. with his parents.
 - (6). James, b. Sept. 28, 1818 ; m. Elizabeth Pearson of East Malden, Mass., where he res. and d. No children.
2. John, b. Oct. 8, 1780 ; m. (1), Jan. 4, 1803, Dorcas Pearson of Sutton, and removed to Corinth, Me. Dorcas bore him two sons, and d. March 30, 1841. John m. (2), July 25, 1841, Sarah C. Rollins of Corinth. He d., 1866, in the West, having had six children.
3. Nehemiah, b. May 28, 1782 ; d. March 3, 1798. Elder Seaman's diary, under date of March 5, gives these facts : " This youth, of about 15 or 16 years old, went to bed the Friday-night before [March 2], well, for aught any one knew ; and " in the night was heard, and then found in the agonies of " death : and hardly gasped after he was discovered."

4. Abigail, b. May 7, 1784; went to Corinth, Me., where she m. twice, and d., having had children. Her first marriage, Oct. 29, 1810, was to Joseph Bragdon of New Ohio, Me.; her second husband was Mr. Wheeler.
5. Israel, b. April 12, 1786; m., Aug. 28, 1808, Lucinda, dau. of Levi and Lucy (Titus) Everett, b. April 26, 1788, and res. in N. L.
6. Hannah, b. March 25, 1788; moved to Corinth, Me.; m., Oct. 6, 1814, Elder Henry Hale of New Charleston, Me., and had children.
7. Enoch, b. Feb. 14, 1790; m. Joan Hobart of Hebron, and moved to Corinth, Me.; was a Baptist clergyman, and received ordination from the N. L. church, March 15, 1814; d., Jan. 22, 1878, at Madison, O., having had eleven children, all b. in Maine.
8. Ebenezer, b. Sept. 19, 1793; m., Feb. 8, 1815, Susan, dau. of Phinehas and Mehitabel (Philbrook) Stevens of Sutton, and moved to Charleston, Me., where he d., March 2, 1826, having had six children.

HUTCHINS, JAMES.—James Hutchins was the oldest son of Lieut. William and Abigail (Flood) Hutchins mentioned below. He was b. in Haverhill, Mass., Dec. 9, 1770; was a soldier of the Revolution, and came to N. L. with his father in 1780. Was a resident of the town until 1799, when he removed with his family to Sutton. In 1817 his son James returned to N. L., res. here until 1821, and again became a citizen at a later period. James, the younger was joined by his brother John in 1819, and the two owned the Daniel Seamans farm together for a few years, when James sold out to John. The older James lived with his sons until his death, and both he and Susanna, his wife, are buried here, together with their dau. Sarah. James d. Sept. 28, 1826; Susanna d. Jan. 10, 1858, aged 96. Children:

1. Ednah, b. Nov. 14, 1784.
2. John, b. April 15, 1786; m., and res. in N. L.
3. Sarah, b. April 25, 1787; d. May 3, 1787.
4. James, b. April 6, 1788; m., and res. in N. L.
5. Susanna, b. Jan. 7, 1790.
6. Betsey, b. Oct. 5, 1791.
7. Abigail, b. Feb. 26, 1793.
8. Amos, b. June 17, 1794.

9. Isaac, b. May 20, 1797.

10. William, b. March 27, 1799.

HUTCHINS, LIEUT. WILLIAM.—The Hutchins families in N. L. were direct descendants of the John Hutchins and Frances his wife, aged 30 and 26 years respectively, who in May, 1638, set sail from Southampton, England, in the good ship *Bevis*, for America. They res. in Newbury and Haverhill, Mass., and had seven children. Their second son, Joseph Hutchins, b. Nov. 15, 1640, m., Dec. 29, 1669, Joanna Corliss of Haverhill, and had seven children. John, the oldest child, b. May 5, 1671, m., Nov. 11, 1695, Sarah Page of Haverhill. James was the fourth of their ten children, and was b. Feb. 7, 1705; m., Nov. 12, 1729, Ruth Greeley. Lieut. William Hutchins of N. L. was the youngest of the five children of James and Ruth (Greeley) Hutchins. He was b. March 16, 1739, and m. (1) Abigail Flood of Haverhill, March 27, 1760. From 1762 to 1780 the family res. in Weare, and kept a tavern, but at the N. L. March meeting, 1781, Lieut. William Hutchins was chosen highway surveyor. At this time he was living on the Mrs. Phebe Morgan farm, and thus it was that the road from the Four Corners to the old meeting-house gained its name of "Hutchins road." About 1790 he removed to Sutton. In the "History of Sutton" his name appears in the list of new taxpayers from 1790 to 1800, in the list of land-owners in 1792, and on the subscription-list for the building of the meeting house at North Sutton, dated Aug. 28, 1794. In 1798 quite a large party of Sutton people went to Canada, and Lieutenant Hutchins and his family were probably among them. His wife, Abigail (Flood) Hutchins, d. there, Aug. 29, 1809, aged 71 years, and in a few months he returned to New Hampshire. Sept. 18, 1810, he m. (2) Widow Hannah Belknap of Salem, who d. April 2, 1824, and is buried at Salem with her first husband. Lieutenant Hutchins then returned to N. L., and Oct. 3, 1824, m. (3) "Widow Mary Shepard of Springfield," b. Mary Gile, dau. of Ephraim and Mary (Simons) Gile of Sutton, March 24, 1754. Lieutenant Hutchins was her third husband, she having m. (1), about 1777, Stephen Abbot of Concord, becoming the mother of Theodore Abbot of N. L.; (2) Jonathan Shepard of N. L., father of Dea. Jonas Shepard. In 1825 Lieutenant Hutchins and his wife

were living with Theodore Abbot, and he was taxed for a horse. He also lived with Zaccheus Messer, who had m. his daughter Hannah, and at Manning Seamans's, where he d., June 3, 1826, aged 87 years, and is buried in the cemetery. Mary, his widow, m. (4) Simeon Blood, great-grandfather of Gen. R. A. Blood of Charlestown, Mass.

The above facts relating to the ancestors of Lieut. William Hutchins, as well as the military record which follows, were obtained through the courtesy of Miss Marantha Messer of Woburn, Mass., and Mr. Moses Messer, of Onarga, Ill., grandchildren of Zaccheus and Hannah (Hutchins) Messer.

Lieutenant Hutchins began his military career before he was twenty, and was at Crown Point, Ticonderoga, and other places, under General Amherst, going from Weare; and was in General Washington's army in New York. In May, 1775, he volunteered for eight months, and was appointed sergeant, under Capt. Moses McFarland, in the regiment commanded by Col. John Nixon. Marched to the siege of Boston, and was stationed on Winter hill. March 28, 1776, he was appointed ensign in the Fourth regiment, commanded by Colonel Nixon; in 1777 was appointed second lieutenant, under Capt. Nathaniel Hutchins, in the First regiment, commanded by Colonel Cilley. He had a large family dependent on him, and on that account resigned his position June 23, 1779. While living in Salem, in 1818, he was granted a pension for his services.

Children of Lieut. William and Abigail (Flood) Hutchins, b. in Haverhill and Weare:

1. James, b. Dec. 9, 1760; m., and res. in N. L.
2. Judith, b. Nov. 28, 1763.
3. Sarah, b. Feb. 28, 1766.
4. Joseph, b. March 21, 1768.
5. Abigail, b. April 1, 1770.
6. Hannah, b. Sept. 15, 1772; m., May 13, 1794, Zaccheus, son of Lieut. Samuel Messer, b. Dec. 6, 1770, and res. in N. L.
7. Ruth, b. Jan. 17, 1775.
8. William, b. Aug. 15, 1779.

Two of the daus. d. in Canada, between 1800 and 1810.

IDE, JOHN.—Among the marriages solemnized by Elder Seamans during his connection with the Baptist church of Attleboro, Mass., was that of John Ide and Abigail White, who

were m. Jan. 2, 1783. They came to N. L. prior to 1794, for his name is on a list of petitioners for a coroner that year. The wife of John Slack of N. L. was Betsey Ide of Attleboro, a dau. of John Ide by a former wife, and it was with the Slacks that the Ides made their home as age crept upon them. John d. April 13, 1800, aged 75 years; Abigail d. Sept. 17, 1810, aged 69 years. Child:

1. Edward, b. 1785; m., Feb. 11, 1808, Betsey, dau. of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow, b. July 14, 1781, and res. in N. L.

JEWETT, JEDEDIAH.—This pioneer purchased from Capt. Jonas Minot a part of lot No. 100, May 30, 1776 (see *p.* 51), the date establishing him as among the earliest settlers. Later he became the owner of part of lot No. 120, and the larger share of his two purchases constitute the Horace Hurd farm of to-day. He was b. probably in Nelson, and there m. his wife Mary, who accompanied him to N. L. The early records bear witness to the interest he took in town affairs, and his descendants through three successive generations have proved themselves worthy citizens. Jedediah conveyed the homestead to his older son Feb. 12, 1819, and d. April 20, 1820, aged 79 years; Mary Jewett d. Jan. 30, 1828, aged 82 years. Children:

1. Jedediah, b. 1783; m., Jan. 7, 1806, Mary, dau. of Jacob Wheeler of Nelson, and res. in N. L.
2. David, b. 1785; res. in N. L.

KEZAR, EBENEZER.—Ebenezer Kazar and Polly Hadley, "both of New London," were m. by Rev. Job Seamans, Nov. 11, 1795. It is quite probable that Ebenezer was the oldest son of Simon and Mehitable (Foster) Kazar of Sutton, b. Feb. 4, 1770, and named for his grandfather Kazar. (See "History of Sutton," *p.* 783.) Simon Kazar was early connected with the church in N. L., and Elder Seamans makes frequent mention of preaching at his house in Sutton. Several of his sons and daughters removed to Canada about 1798, and Ebenezer and his wife may have been of the party.

KIDDER, NOAH.—Noah Kidder signed the petition for incorporation Jan. 22, 1779, but his name does not appear otherwise on the town records. Tradition has it that he went to Enfield, and became one of the family of Shakers in that town. The fact that Noah Kidder, musician, and Nathaniel Merrill, pri-

vate, served in the same company in the War of 1812, would perhaps indicate a residence in Acworth, where Merrill (mentioned below) is supposed to have located.

KNOWLTON, EZEKIEL (1).—In the early days there were in N. L. three families of Knowltons, all of whom came from Hopkinton and were descendants of the original Knowlton family of Manchester, Mass. Two of these Knowltons, Ezekiel and Robert, were brothers; and the third, an older Ezekiel, would appear to have been their cousin. This Ezekiel, who was a soldier of the Revolution, was the pioneer settler on a part of the present John D. Pingree farm, and the house which he built has the distinction of being the oldest now standing. He d. Sept. 6, 1806, at the age of 49, leaving a wife, Mehitable, who became the second wife of Dea. Zebedee Hayes, May 11, 1815, and d. Jan. 20, 1824.

KNOWLTON, EZEKIEL (2).—The earliest known ancestor of the Knowlton brothers, Ezekiel and Robert, was a Robert, whose son Ezekiel was an early resident of Hopkinton. The first Ezekiel was a farmer, and had by his wife (b. Elizabeth Woodbury) Ezekiel and Robert, who came to N. L.; Betsey and Mary, never m., res. in Hopkinton; Sarah, m. Moses Trussell, and res. in N. L.; Nathaniel, a prominent citizen of his native town. The younger Ezekiel was b. May 9, 1768, and on first leaving home settled in Sunapee. June 5, 1791, he exchanged clearings with James Lamb, the first settler of N. L., and thus became the owner of part of the present Nathaniel Knowlton farm. In the deed from Lamb to Knowlton, John Austin (see *p.* 72) is mentioned as a former adjoining land-owner, so it is quite possible that he lived at the West Part before locating near Lake Pleasant. In 1793 Ezekiel m. Susan, dau. of Stephen and Rachel (Hunt) Smith, b. Nov. 29, 1774. (Rachel Smith d. in N. L., at the residence of her grandson, Samuel Smith Knowlton, Aug. 18, 1834, aged 80 years.) For 56 years this worthy couple were spared to each other, and became the ancestors of a line of useful and industrious citizens. Ezekiel d. Jan. 3, 1850; Susan d. March 27, 1869. Their children were,—

1. Nathaniel Woodbury, b. Sept. 23, 1794; m., Dec. 2, 1818, Ruth, dau. of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick, b. April 8, 1791, and res. in N. L.



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2. Samuel Smith, b. Feb. 22, 1796; m., Sept. 3, 1822, Martha, dau. of James Witherspoon of Newbury, b. February, 1796, and res. in N. L.
3. Susanna, b. Aug. 14, 1798; d. Sept. 10, 1806.
4. Polly, b. May 22, 1800; m., July 11, 1820, John Hastings of Newbury, and res. in N. L.
5. Rachel, b. March 25, 1807; m. Gideon, oldest son of Dea. Gideon and Sally Wilkins, b. Dec. 1, 1800, and res. in N. L.
6. Belinda, b. Dec. 14, 1811; m. Stephen Gordon, and res. in N. L., Groton, and Bristol.

KNOWLTON, ROBERT.—Robert, the younger of the Knowlton brothers, came to N. L. from Hopkinton about 1788, and settled on the White lot, along the northerly side of King's hill. For a number of years his home was on the N. L. side of the border line, but for a short time he res. on the farm now owned by Joseph Fletcher, which lies on the Sutton side of the same line, and finally went West. His family, however, remained here, though of the children nearly all m. and settled in other towns. The children of Robert and Jemima Knowlton were,—

1. Jemima, b. Hopkinton, Feb. 17, 1787; m., about 1807, Theophilus, son of Benjamin and Judith Adams, b. Feb. 18, 1789, and res. in N. L.
2. Robert, b. N. L., May 24, 1789.
3. Samuel, b. June 16, 1791; m. Betsey, dau. of Lieut. Thomas and Phebe (Brocklebank) Pike, and became the father of Dennis, Moses, and Capt. John P. Knowlton, all of Sunapee.
4. Betsey, b. March 18, 1793; m. Mr. Flanders of Sunapee.
5. Sally, b. Feb. 5, 1795.
6. Josiah Smith, b. March 12, 1796; m. (1), Feb. 18, 1823, Susan Smith, who d. Sept. 11, 1836; m. (2), March 15, 1839, Roxana Wilcox, who d. May 15, 1871. Josiah was a merchant and farmer, and res. in Hopkinton; was deacon of the Baptist church for many years, and representative to the General Court in 1841 and 1842. He d. Dec. 4, 1874.
7. John, b. March 8, 1798.
8. Julia, b. May 26, 1800; went to Indiana.

LAMB, JAMES.—The first permanent settler of N. L. was James Lamb, who came in 1775, and made his clearing on the Nathaniel Knowlton farm. In 1791 he exchanged it for one in Sunapee (Wendall) belonging to Ezekiel Knowlton, and removed with his family to that town. His son, John Alexan-

der, is generally believed to have been the first child b. in the town limits. Some of Lamb's family d. during their residence here, and were buried near the clearing, a white stone still marking their resting-place. There is also on the Knowlton farm a stone supposed to have been hollowed out by the Lambs for baking purposes. Lamb's autograph, together with that of Lieut. William Hutchins, has been preserved in a legal document given by Capt. Jonas Minot to Jedediah Jewett, and a fac-simile of their signatures is presented herewith.

*Delivered in presence of us
William Hutchins
James Lamb*

LYON, ELIPHALET.—Tradition makes Eliphalet Lyon the second permanent settler of N. L. It will be noticed, however, in the sketch of Dea. Ebenezer Hunting, that his son Enoch claims the same honor for him. Eliphalet was evidently an old man, as his taxes were abated yearly from 1781 to 1784, and on the latter date "forever." Nothing definite is known regarding his family.

LYON, JOHN.—In the conveyance by Nathaniel Fales to Joseph Trussell, Nov. 3, 1798, of Trussell's original purchase, mention is made of John Lyon as a former owner of the land lying east of Lyon brook and south of the old highway from Woodbury's corner (Crockett's) to Minot's square (Hominy Pot). From this it would appear that John was the son of Eliphalet, and succeeded to the land originally owned by the latter. There was also a Betsey Lyon baptized by Elder Seamans, March 30, 1793, who was perhaps the dau. of John.

MACFARLAND, JAMES.—In 1797, Capt. John Woodman and James Macfarland were partners in the general store just south of the meeting-house on Summer street, and were recipients of the following license :

"NEW LONDON, June 14, 1797

"this may certify that we the subscribers do approbate wood-

“man & macfarland to Retail and mix spiritus Lickers in the
 “town of Newlondon near the meetinghouse

“Levi Harvey } Select
 “Anthony Sargent } men”

James Macfarland was the partner of Captain Woodman until 1801, when he appears to have sold out his interest to Robert M. Wallace. He was clerk of the “publick vendue” of non-residents’ lands, April 9, 1799.

MARCH, DANIEL.—This pioneer on the Newton L. Sargent farm came to N. L. from Acworth. His first wife was Abigail, dau. of Jesse and Dolly (Crocker) Blake, b. 1776, and she was the mother of his three children. About 1804 he m. Dolly Blake, a sister of Abigail, b. 1782, who d. March 17, 1849. At the time of his second marriage March removed to the Edmund Davis place, on what was then known as Haselton’s hill. At this location he was probably preceded for a short time by Ephraim Gile, who afterwards lived on the top of Burpee hill. Gile, however, had done very little towards clearing the lot, so to March may be given the honor of being the actual pioneer on two of the N. L. farms of to-day. His second clearing has been occupied by three generations of his descendants,—his dau. Abigail, who m. Aaron Young; her dau. Emmeline, who m. Edmund Davis; her dau. Nettie, who m. Arthur Holmes. Daniel March is reputed to have been a descendant of one of two March brothers who came over from England in colonial times. Mrs. Arthur Holmes has a chest of drawers and one of a pair of mirrors which these brothers brought with them from their old home. The mirror is of very heavy glass, with a unique carved frame which was originally surmounted by a crown of elaborate design. Daniel d. March 10, 1813. The children of Daniel and Abigail (Blake) March were,—

1. Daniel, b. July 4, 1797. In the churchyard is a headstone inscribed “Mary, wife of Daniel March, died Feb. 15, 1826, aet. 31.” This Mary was doubtless the first wife of Daniel, who later m. “a Sunapee woman and moved to New York state,” which is the only knowledge his relatives in N. L. have of him.
2. Abigail, b. July 5, 1799; m. Aaron Young of Wendall (Sunapee), Oct. 29, 1818, and res. in N. L.
3. John, b. Aug. 4, 1802; removed to Michigan, where he m.

MAYBERY, RICHARD.—Richard Maybery was chosen hog-reeve in 1797 and 1798. He is said to have been a “roving character” of merry disposition, and to have lived at one time in a small house located on the land to the northeast of the Hominy Pot road near the brow of the hill, now owned by Frank Call. Richard d. May 10, 1844, aged 73 years; Mrs. Maybery d. Jan. 8, 1852, aged 75 years.

MERRILL, NATHANIEL.—Nathaniel Merrill is reputed to have been a companion of James Lamb at the time of the latter's settlement in Heidleberg, but did not remain here long. He is probably the Nathaniel Merrill who later res. in Acworth, where he m. Lydia Fields, and d. at the age of 84. Children,—

1. Woodbury, b. 1787; m. twice, and had children.
2. Betsey, m. Jedediah Sabin of Lempster, and res. in N. L.
3. Polly, d. unmarried.
4. Philena, d. unmarried.
5. Irene, m. Jesse, son of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow, b. Oct. 20, 1788, and res. in N. L.
6. Nathaniel, b. 1802; m. Hannah S. Collins of Springfield, and had seven children, of whom Emeline S. m. Merrill Robie, now a res. of N. L.

MESSER, JAMES HOW.—James How, second son and third child of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer below, was b. at Methuen, Mass., Oct. 18, 1762, and was but a lad when his father removed from that town to the almost unbroken wilderness of Heidleberg in 1775. In 1784 he m. Elizabeth, dau. of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (McCordy) Shepard, b. June 12, 1765. They res. on Messer hill, on the farm recently owned by George P. Sholes. Elder Seamans records the fact that on Oct. 2, 1800, there was a violent thunder-storm, and the How Messer house was struck by lightning; the house was shattered considerably, and Mrs. Messer and those of the children not in bed stunned. Elizabeth (Shepard) Messer d. March 8, 1843. Children:

1. Nancy, b. May 15, 1785; m., Sept. 26, 1808, Edmund, son of Edmund and Lydia (Morgan) Davis, and res. in N. L.
2. Betsey, b. Jan. 26, 1788; m., June 2, 1811, James Fitts of Leicester, Vt.
3. Timothy, b. April 28, 1790; m., in 1816, Phebe, dau. of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow, b. June 6, 1791, and res. in N. L.

4. Ebenezer S., b. March 9, 1793 ; went to Pennsylvania, and m. ; one of his children is Hon. James C. Messer of East Toledo, Ohio.
5. James How, b. April 1, 1795 ; m. Miss Eaton, and moved to Goshen, where he was drowned. His dau. Apphia lived in N. L. with Abiel Burpee's folk, and his son George with his uncle, Obediah Morgan of Sutton.
6. Mindwell, b. July 14, 1798 ; went to Albany, N. Y.
7. Robertson, b. June 7, 1800 ; went to Pennsylvania and m.
8. Huldah, b. July 25, 1803 ; m., Oct. 23, 1827, Obediah, son of John and Lydia (Lee) Morgan, of N. L., b. Oct. 25, 1799, and res. in Sutton.
9. George, b. Oct. 21, 1804 ; d. June 5, 1805.
10. Curtis, b. Aug. 9, 1808 ; m., November, 1838, Clarissa, dau. of John and Tryphosia (Parker) Wood, b. Dec. 19, 1814, and res. in N. L.

MESSER, JOSEPH.—Joseph, son of Jacob and Hulda (Perkins) Messer, grandson of Richard Messer of Methuen, Mass., and nephew of Lieut. Samuel Messer of N. L., was one of the three pioneer Messers from whom are descended the numerous families of that name in the town to-day. He came to N. L. in 1791, and began a clearing on the top of Morgan hill, making his home with John Dole until the time of his marriage, Nov. 27, 1792, to Rebekah Runnels of Methuen. Joseph Messer was a man of more than ordinary height, and somewhat spare in frame. Quiet in speech, yet firm in his opinions, he soon acquired considerable influence in the town and was much respected by his fellow-citizens. Rebekah (Runnels) Messer was the mother of seven children, and d. Dec. 23, 1825, aged 56 years. Joseph m. (2), Dec. 28, 1826, Mrs. Eunice, widow of Dea. Jonas Shepard. Eunice d. Feb. 16, 1841, aged 71 years ; Joseph d. May 17, 1851, aged 86 years. Children of Joseph and Rebekah Messer :

1. Hezekiah, b. Nov. 20, 1793 ; d. March 16, 1794.
2. Mehitable, b. Jan. 19, 1797 ; d. Oct. 21, 1814.
3. Joseph, b. Sept. 22, 1798 ; d. March 24, 1799.
4. William, b. Oct. 19, 1800 ; d. July 31, 1802.
5. William, b. Nov. 28, 1802 ; d. May 5, 1804.
6. Rebekah, b. May 31, 1805 ; d. Jan. 6, 1825.
7. Jacob, b. Dec. 17, 1807 ; m., Sept. 27, 1832, Mary Mahala, dau. of Joseph and Anna (Sargent) Putney, b. Oct. 9, 1813, and res. in N. L.

MESSER, NATHANIEL SMITH.—Nathaniel S. Messer, the son of James and Sarah (Long) Messer, grandson of Richard, and nephew of Lieut. Samuel, was b. Oct. 13, 1756, at Methuen, Mass. He m., March 9, 1785, Sarah Clough of Salem, who was b. July 23, 1760. In January, 1786, Nathaniel S. and his wife, with their eldest son Isaac, then a babe only 10 months old, moved from Methuen to N. L., following a line of spotted trees during the latter part of their journey, and having their goods on an ox sled. They made a clearing and built a log house on Burpee hill, a little northwest of the Benton M. Stanley residence, and there began their pioneer life. Among other things, apple seeds brought with them were planted near the house, from which trees were grown which years afterwards furnished many a rare supper of baked apples, with milk, to parents and children. Nathaniel later built the house now owned by Benton M. Stanley, and lived there till his death, January 20, 1832; Sarah (Clough) Messer d. Oct. 1, 1820, aged 60 years. Children:

1. Isaac, b. March 25, 1785; m., Jan. 16, 1806, Martha Stevens of Warner, b. April 28, 1787, and res. in N. L.
2. Phinehas, b. April 4, 1787; m., Nov. 21, 1811, Lois, dau. of James and Sarah (Adams) Brocklebank, b. March 11, 1787, and removed to Springfield.
3. Nathaniel, b. Oct. 22, 1789; m., Dec. 29, 1818, Rebekah, dau. of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent, b. June 10, 1795, and res. in N. L.
4. Sarah, b. June 21, 1793; m., Dec. 3, 1818, John Clough of Salem, where she res. She d. at Lawrence, Mass.
5. Hezekiah, b. March 21, 1795; m., Sept. 19, 1820, Sophronia, dau. of Ezekiel and Sarah (Page) Sargent, b. Aug. 20, 1799, and res. in N. L.
6. Enoch, b. Sept. 5, 1797; m., Nov. 24, 1825, Betsey, dau. of John and Phebe (Messer) Morgan, b. Nov. 4, 1804, and res. in N. L.
7. Frederick, b. Nov. 8, 1800; m. (1), November, 1826, Eliza Evans, b. May 4, 1804. Eliza d. Feb. 11, 1829, and Frederick m. (2), in 1830, Martha Whittier of Danbury, where he afterwards res. He was the father of eleven children.
8. Charles, b. June 5, 1803; m., Nov. 6, 1827, Lois, dau. of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent, b. April 28, 1807, and res. at Danbury.

MESSER, LIEUT. SAMUEL.—Through the courtesy of Mr. Moses Haynes Messer of Onarga, Illinois, great-grandson of Lieut. Samuel Messer, much valuable material concerning the origin and descent of the pioneer Messer families of N. L., and otherwise unattainable, has been made available for this history. There were in N. L., before 1800, three Messers,—Lieut. Samuel, who came in 1775, and his two nephews, Joseph and Nathaniel S., who were among the later settlers. These three pioneers look to Richard Messer of Methuen, Mass., as their common ancestor, and this Richard was the grandson of that Richard who, on March 18, 1669, m., at Haverhill, Mass., Hannah, b. Aug. 5, 1651, dau. of Theophilus and Susanna (Bosworth) Shatswell. Shatswell was an English emigrant who located first at Ipswich, Mass., but in 1646 removed to Haverhill, where he held several important offices. Hannah (Shatswell) Messer d. Dec. 27, 1670, at the birth of her son, Abiel; Richard d. April 29, 1671, and the four-months old babe, thus doubly orphaned, became the charge of Robert Emerson and his wife, of Haverhill. Abiel m., Jan. 3, 1695, Abigail, dau. of Onesiphorus Marsh, b. at Hingham, Mass., Feb. 21, 1671. He finally located in Methuen, on the west bank of the Merrimack. Here he cleared land, and by authority of the general court of Massachusetts Bay established a ferry. Abiel d. Aug. 6, 1756; Abigail d. March 3, 1761.

Richard, the eldest of their seven children, b. Nov. 9, 1695, m., Nov. 30, 1721, Mehitable, dau. of Samuel and Abigail (Emerson) Smith, b. Feb. 22, 1702 (just 30 years before the first president of the United States), and settled about a mile west of his father's residence, on what is to-day the "Pleasant Valley road." Richard and Mehitable (Smith) Messer had at least eight children. James, the second of these, was the father of Nathaniel Smith Messer, who came to N. L. in January, 1786. Jacob, eighth child of Richard and Mehitable, had a son Joseph, whose settlement on Morgan hill in 1791 has been referred to previously. Samuel, who was the sixth child, was the sturdy pioneer of 1775. Another son of Abiel was Nathaniel, b. Sept. 15, 1704, who was the grandfather of Asa Messer, D. D., LL. D., a graduate of Brown university in 1790 and president of that institution from 1802 to 1826.

Dr. Asa Messer became the owner of the original Messer homestead on the banks of the Merrimack, and about 1807 purchased a 400-acre farm in Newbury, on what became afterwards known as "Messer hill," and placed his brother Alpheus in charge.

Lieut. Samuel Messer, the first settler on Messer (Knight's) hill, sixth child of Richard and Mehitable (Smith) Messer, was b. at Methuen, June 30, 1736. He m., June 1, 1758, Sarah How of Methuen, and res. across the road from his father's house until 1775, when he came to N. L. He was by trade a carpenter and joiner, and was one of the most prominent and influential men in his adopted town. He early received a commission as justice of the peace, and in his house the first town meeting was held, Aug. 3, 1779, over which he presided as moderator and was chosen as first selectman in due course of procedure. Though familiarly addressed as 'Squire, he was nevertheless held in great respect by all the country around. This is aptly illustrated by a custom of the early days, known through the medium of Mrs. Ebenezer Sargent, whose maiden name was Prudence Chase. Her father lived in Wendall (Sunapee), and many of the people in that section attended church at N. L., in the meeting-house near the cemetery. In the summer they crossed Lake Sunapee by boat to Pike's landing (in Soo-Nipi park), thence walked over the Norris road and Messer hill to the meeting-house. The children making the trip used to go barefoot to Norris corner, but there shoes and stockings were put on and other garments carefully brushed and adjusted, because it would not do to pass 'Squire Messer's house barefooted and untidy. On the return trip the foot-gear was removed at Norris corner. The early records refer to Samuel Messer as "Lieut." Samuel, a title presumably gained in a colonial company. Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer were the parents of ten children, all, except perhaps the youngest, b. at Methuen. Samuel d. Feb. 27, 1811, aged 74 years; Sarah d. March 1, 1823, aged 84 years. Children:

1. Samuel; b. Oct. 26, 1759; d. May 10, 1763.
2. Patty (Martha) b. Nov. 2, 1760; m. John Austin, and moved to Rochester, Vt.

3. James How, b. Oct. 18, 1762; m., in 1784, Elizabeth, dau. of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (McCordy) Shepard, b. June 12, 1765, and res. in N. L.
4. Samuel, b. July 17, 1764; m. Patience Johnson, a sister of Josiah Johnson of Springfield and an aunt of Lewis T. Johnson, lately res. at Elkins. In 1800, Samuel Messer, Jr., was living in the house on Summer street known as the "old" George Williams house. Later he lived on the present Benjamin Davis place, then in Wilmot, whence he removed to Thetford, Vt. It is of interest to note that Samuel Messer, Jr., was authorized to call the first town-meeting of Wilmot, in 1808, and acted as its moderator, as his father before him had officiated at N. L. in 1779. They had one child, Zuar Eldredge, b. N. L., March 22, 1801, whose son William m. a ward of George M. Knight, Esq.
5. Betsey, b. May 5, 1766.
6. Ruth, b. June 9, 1768; m., April 2, 1793, Calvin Burpee, and res. in N. L.
7. Zaccheus, b. Dec. 6, 1770; m., May 13, 1794, Hannah, dau. of Lieut. William and Abigail (Flood) Hutchins, b. Sept. 14 1772, and res. in N. L.
8. Sarah, b. October, 1772; m., Nov. 28, 1799, Jacob Messer of Methuen, Mass., who was at one time a captain-general in the Massachusetts militia.
9. Jacob, m., Sept. 23, 1802, Catharine, dau. of David and Catharine (Shepard) Smith, b. Dedham, Mass., March 15, 1783, and res. in N. L.
10. Phebe, m., in 1804, John Morgan, 3d, son of John and Lydia (Lee) Morgan, b. Feb. 14, 1780, and res. in N. L.

MESSER, ZACCHEUS.—This son of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer was b. Dec. 6, 1770, and m., about 1794, Hannah, dau. of Lieut. William and Abigail (Flood) Hutchins. He lived for a number of years on the spot where the house of George M. Knight, Esq., now stands, but later in a cottage which was located near Little Sunapee, almost opposite the "baptizing-place." Zaccheus d. Jan. 1, 1855; Hannah, his widow, d. at Lowell, Mass., Jan. 14, 1865, aged 92 years, 4 months; both are buried at N. L. Children:

1. Samuel, b. Nov. 10, 1794; m. Thirza, dau. of Joseph Battles, b. Oct. 30, 1801, and res. in N. L.
2. William, b. Nov. 10, 1794 (twin brother of Samuel); m., March 1, 1820, Mary, dau. of Jesse and Dolly (Crocker) Blake, and res. in N. L.

3. Phila, b. Nov. 30, 1795; m., April 8, 1820, Cushing, son of Joseph Pillsbury of Wendall and a brother of James H. Pillsbury of N. L.
4. Abigail, b. Dec. 18, 1798; d. Jan. 22, 1799.
5. Matthew, b. Jan. 1, 1800; m., March 29, 1823, Ruth Haynes of Haverhill, a lineal descendant (on the paternal side) of brave Hannah Dustin. Matthew res. with his parents in N. L. until he was eight years old, when he was adopted by his aunt, Sarah Messer, of Methuen, Mass. He learned the hatter's trade, and carried on the business for more than 40 years. His home was in Methuen, but the last few years of his life were passed with his son Willard, at Lawrence, Mass. When General Lafayette visited the United States in 1824, the capital of the Granite state was one of the points in his triumphal tour, and Matthew Messer played the fife in escort to the cortege from Methuen to the New Hampshire line. He was also present at the laying of the corner stone of Bunker Hill monument in 1825, and listened to Daniel Webster's memorable oration. Matthew d. Oct. 12, 1886, aged 86 years; Ruth d. Aug. 2, 1868, aged 69 years. Children, b. Methuen :
 - (1). Jacob Hazen, b. March 16, 1824.
 - (2). Harriet Maria, b. Dec. 1, 1825.
 - (3). Leveret, b. June 16, 1827.
 - (4). Moses Haynes, b. Jan. 29, 1829; m. Jan. 29, 1858, Lucinda, dau. of Abram and Experience (Guild) Lehigh of Onarga, Ill., b. Jan. 21, 1833. His early employment was on the farm and in his father's hat shop. He was a student at New Hampton academy for two years, and took a course in the higher mathematics and civil engineering at Yale college and Brown university. During his connection with the city engineer of Boston, he assisted in surveying and constructing railroads in western Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, and in New Hampshire on the line from Bradford to Claremont. In 1855 he went to Chicago, and was employed by the Illinois Central. He settled in Onarga in October, 1855, and has been a prominent and useful citizen, holding numerous offices of public trust. Children: (a) Warren, b. Feb. 2, 1859; d. Feb. 15, 1859. (b) Clarence Edgar, b. Sept. 16, 1860. (c) Augusta, b. May 6, 1863. (d) Nellie, b. Jan. 17, 1865; d. Aug. 11, 1865. (e) Angie, b. June 20, 1876.
 - (5). Margaret, b. March 3, 1832.



MATTHEW MESSER.

- (6). Elbridge, b. March 16, 1834.
- (7). Marantha, b. March 6, 1837; d. March 10, 1837.
- (8). Willard, b. Aug. 18, 1838; res. in Lawrence, Mass.
- (9). Marantha Corliss, b. Jan. 5, 1841. Miss Messer recently spent some months in N. L., and was greatly interested in procuring the early history of her ancestors, particularly of Lieut. William Hutchins. The portrait of Matthew Haynes Messer is here inserted through her kindness. Her home is in Woburn, Mass.
- (10). Caroline Elizabeth, b. Jan. 24, 1843.
- 6. Zaccheus, b. June 17, 1802; m., and removed to Springfield. He had eight children.
- 7. Abiel, b. Sept. 15, 1804; removed to Lowell, Mass., where he m. Betsey Rogers and d., leaving three children,—Almira, Mary, Henry.
- 8. Joseph, b. Sept. 3, 1806; moved to Springfield, Vt. He m. Mary Spofford, and had,—
 - (1). Isadore, m. Capt. James Little of Melrose, Mass., and had three children, Harry, Arthur, and Georgianna. Georgianna m. Mr. Hayward of Claremont, and was the mother of a cadet at West Point.
 - (2). Elizabeth, never married.
 - (3). Jerome, a hotel-keeper in New York state.
- 9. Hannah, b. Nov. 8, 1808; m. Hugh, son of John and Polly (Boyce) Clough, and res. in Sunapee and N. L.
- 10. Abigail, b. Aug. 31, 1811; m., January, 1832, Levi Muzzey of Springfield, and res. at Carroll, Whitefield, Lisbon, Methuen, Mass., Manchester, and Fisherville (Penacook). Levi d. Oct. 18, 1856, at Fisherville, and Abigail became an itinerant preacher. She has published a book, "Life Sketches and Experience," Cambridge: Press of Dakin & Metcalf, 1865. Abigail m. (2) Mr. Tripp, and res. at Winterport, Me. Children by first husband, Levi and Ransom.

There were also two other sons, each named Jacob; one d. Oct. 29, 1816, aged 20 months, the other on Aug. 29, 1823, aged 6 years.

MORGAN, CAPT. JOHN.—While the War of the Revolution was interfering with Moses Trussell's plans for making a permanent settlement in N. L., there came to the lot where he had felled the first tree laid low by a white man's axe in Alexandria Addition, a sea-captain from Manchester, Mass., who, weary of the calling of his earlier manhood, had determined to

devote himself to other pursuits. With keen eye and practical foresight he had picked from the forest primeval a lot of land which from his day on proved to be one of the best in town, and was the very one where Trussell had made his small clearing and planted the first crop of corn. Captain Morgan built a log house a little to the east of Belden Morgan's present dwelling, and later had a frame house on the exact site where his great-grandson now lives. It was in this house that he passed the remainder of his days,—a prominent and useful citizen of his adopted town, and the founder of a long line of worthy descendants. Bethia, his wife, d. Nov. 8, 1804, aged 73 years. Of his children, b. in Massachusetts, John Morgan, Jr., b. 1753, and a dau., Margaret, came to N. L. He also had at his home, in 1800, a grandson, Henry Morgan, who later m. and res. at the Hominy Pot.

MORGAN, JOHN, JR.—John Morgan, Jr., the son of Capt. John Morgan mentioned above, m. Lydia Lee of Salem, Mass., and came to N. L. with his father soon after the incorporation of the town. His farm adjoined his father's on the southeast, and the house which he built, located between Belden Morgan's and E. A. Todd's, on the southwest side of the present highway, was his home for more than forty years. Part of the farm is now in pasture and owned by Joseph Fletcher. John, Jr., was a man of great physical energy and vigor,—characteristics that have been handed down through more than one generation of descendants. He was one of the first company of persons baptized by Elder Seamans after his settlement as minister in 1788, and his wife was baptized a few months later. John d. Aug. 26, 1825, aged 73 years; Lydia d. Sept. 9, 1823, aged 64 years. The children of John and Lydia (Lee) Morgan were,—

1. John, b. Feb. 14, 1780; m., June 7, 1804, Phebe, dau. of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer, and res. in N. L.
2. Solomon, b. March 2, 1782; removed to Vermont.
3. James, b. April 10, 1784; m., 1811, Eliza Stanley of Hopkinton, and res. on King's hill, Sutton. They had several sons.
4. Samuel, b. Dec. 2, 1786; m. Mehitable Robinson, and res. in N. L.
5. Thomas, b. Jan. 10, 1788; removed to New Haven, Vt., and m.

6. Lydia, b. June 12, 1791; m., June 27, 1811, Evans, son of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow, b. April 3, 1786, and res. in N. L.
7. Daniel, b. Aug. 14, 1793; removed to New York, and m.
8. William, b. April 15, 1796; m., Oct. 25, 1821, Mary Stevens of Fishersfield (Newbury), and res. in N. L.
9. Obediah, b. Oct. 25, 1799; m., Oct. 23, 1827, Huldah, dau. of James How and Elizabeth (Shepard) Messer, b. July 25, 1803, and res. on King's hill, Sutton. Obediah d. Sept. 28, 1877; Huldah d. Oct. 28, 1877. Children: *see 739.*
 - (1). Mary E., b. July 7, 1829; d. Feb. 19, 1832.
 - (2). Martha A., b. Feb. 18, 1831; m., Sept. 5, 1852, Wyman P. Kimball, and res. in N. L.
 - (3). George, b. Nov. 26, 1834; enlisted Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 20, 1862; d. disease July 23, 1864, at Alexandria, Va.
 - (4). Austin, b. March 1, 1838; m., Jan. 6, 1867, Mary G., dau. of Harrison and Julia A. (Presby) Fellows of Sutton, b. 1848, and res. in N. L.
 - (5). Mary E., b. June 14, 1842; m., Oct. 6, 1861, Francis M., son of George W. and Martha (Peaslee) Richards of Sutton, and res. in Sutton and Warner. Children: (a) Elma E., b. June 17, 1862; d. July 26, 1864. (b) Alice M., b. July 1, 1867; has been a school-teacher in Warner. (c) Dura M., b. Jan. 11, 1872; has been a clerk with Barney Bros. of Canaan.

NORRIS, SAMUEL.—It was but for a few years that Samuel Norris was a resident of N. L., and nothing is known of his family beyond the record of births in the town book, but his name and the place where he lived is perpetuated in the Norris corner of to-day, just southwest of which an old foundation still remains to mark the site of his home. He came to N. L. with his family from Rowley, Mass., about 1797. He retained his farm and buildings until 1805, when they passed to Stephen Currier. The children of Samuel and Betsey Norris were,—

1. Samuel, b. Amherst, April 24, 1785.
2. Benjamin, b. Chester, Dec. 24, 1786.
3. John, b. Chester, Jan. 30, 1789.
4. Sally, b. Rowley, Aug. 7, 1791.
5. Deborah Hubart, b. Rowley, Feb. 25, 1794.
6. Betsey, b. Rowley, July 1, 1796.
7. Moses, b. N. L., Dec. 21, 1798.
8. David, b. N. L., May 8, 1804.

ORDWAY, JOHN.—The official record of John Ordway's residence in N. L. is confined to the year 1784, when at the annual March meeting he was chosen hog-reeve and one of the five highway surveyors; the return of a highway that same year determining his location as well. The road laid out was the original Pleasant street highway from the head of the lake over Littlefield's hill to the Four Corners, thence as the "Hutchins' road," which figured in the location of the meeting-house and burying-yard in 1788, continuing southwesterly, until it struck the road from Messer hill to the mills at the Hominy Pot. The return is as follows: "begining at the "Southwest Side of Lot No Seventy nine at the path that Leads "to Ezekiel Knoltons house Runing Southely til it Comes to "the Rang Line by John Ordaways house that Stands on Lot "No Sixty nine then Runing Southwestely as the Rang Line "Runs on the northwest Side of the Range Line til it Comes to "the Northeast Corner bound of the Lot No Sixty Six then to "Run on the Southeastely Side of the Rang Line South- "westely as the Rang Runs til it Comes to the Road that "Leads from Samuel mesers to the mill." From this it would appear that the Ordway house was on that part of lot No. 69 which lay to the northwestward of the lake, but nothing beyond the facts already mentioned is known of the man or his family. There was, however, a Joseph Ordway who had his taxes abated in 1786, and he may have been the father of John.

PATTEE, ZEPHANIAH.—At the annual March meeting, 1782, it was voted "to abate Zepheniah Pattes New Emission & highway tax for last year." Pattee disappeared before 1800, and there is no mention of him or his family on the town's record of vital statistics.

PHILBRICK, JAMES.—Among the early settlers in the north-east district (now Wilmot) was James Philbrick of Deerfield, who served as highway surveyor in 1798 and 1800. It was at his house that the first town meeting of Wilmot (incorporated 1807) was held, on the second Tuesday in March, 1808. He m., Aug. 3, 1794, Betsey, dau. of Micah and Abigail (Brown) Prescott of Epping, b. March 2, 1770 (a sister of Samuel Prescott of N. L. and Wilmot). Of their two children, the older m. her cousin, Josiah Brown, and res. at Wilmot; the younger, James, m. and removed to Maine.



PIKE BROOK, SOO-NUM PARK, THE NURSERY OF THE YOUNG TROUT AND OUANANICHE.
(The fry are taken from the hatchery in May and early June, and planted in this stream.)

PIKE, LIEUT. THOMAS.—Among the Revolutionary soldiers who settled in N. L. at the close of the war, was Lieut. Thomas Pike, from whom Pike's shore on Sunapee lake takes its name. He was a man of considerable influence in the town, one of the early Masons, and held several public offices. Lieut. Thomas Pike d. Dec. 23, 1824, aged 83 years. His wife, Phebe (Brocklebank) Pike (sister of Capt. Samuel Brocklebank), d. April 28, 1832, aged 90 years. Children:

1. Capt. John, m. Eunice, dau. of Ruel and Polly (Hurd) Keith of Newport, b. May 6, 1770. Two daus., the youngest of his ten children, m. N. L. men: Mary H., b. Sept. 4, 1833, m. Claude Goings; Nancy, b. March 17, 1835, m. Austin Goings. Captain Pike res. in N. L. and Newport.
2. Betsey, m. Samuel, son of Robert Knowlton, and res. in N. L.
3. Joseph, m., April 10, 1808, Dillah, dau. of Lieut. Benjamin and Zillah Woodbury, b. Aug. 13, 1787; was a storekeeper at North Sutton about 1810, and res. there several years.

PINGREE, JEREMIAH.—The Pingrees of N. L. are descended from Moses Pengry, who in 1641 was at Ipswich, Mass., having come to America probably from London, Eng., or its vicinity. At Ipswich he set up salt works in 1652, was deputy to the general court in 1665, served as selectman, and was a deacon in the first church. He d. Jan. 2, 1696, aged 86 years. His wife was Abigail, dau. of the Robert Clement who is thought to have come from London, Eng., to Haverhill, Mass. Jeremiah and Abigail had a son, Aaron, b. 1652, who m. Ann Pickard of Rowley, Mass., and d. Sept. 14, 1714. Their son, Job Pengry, b. at Ipswich Oct. 17, 1688, m. three times, and d. April 25, 1785, aged 96 years, 6 months, 8 days. Job had a son, Asa, b. April 6, 1732, who also m. three times and lived to a good old age, having passed away Oct. 11, 1811. Among this Asa's children were two who became residents of N. L. in her early history,—Molly, who m. John Dole and res. on Morgan hill in 1788, and Jeremiah Pingree, the common ancestor of some of the town's most reliable citizens. Jeremiah was b. at Rowley, Mass., Feb. 1, 1761, and m., about 1784, Elizabeth R. Kimball. He came to N. L. in 1792, and settled on the 75-acre farm which, with 20 acres subsequently purchased by his grandsons, Nathan D. and

Charles C., constitutes the John D. Pingree farm to-day. The original Pingree dwelling was just southwest of the present homestead, and was on the extreme northeasterly side of the 75-acre farm. Jeremiah d. Feb. 27, 1835; Elizabeth d. June 4, 1830, aged 72 years. Children :

1. Jeremiah, b. Ipswich, Dec. 19, 1784; m., Dec. 30, 1813, his cousin Sally, dau. of John and Molly (Pingree) Dole, b. April 7, 1789, and res. in N. L.
2. Sally, b. Cape Ann, Mass., April 10, 1786; d. Aug. 27, 1787.
3. Asa, b. Cape Ann, Aug. 17, 1787; m., Dec. 17, 1812, Rebekah Fiske, probably of Hopkinton, and res. in N. L.
4. Betsey, b. Ipswich, Sept. 6, 1789; m., June 9, 1814, Dea. Dexter Everett, son of Lieut. Levi and Lucy (Titus) Everett, b. March 30, 1790, and res. in N. L.
5. Polly, b. Ipswich, Sept. 19, 1791; m., Oct. 11, 1814, Dea. Nathan Jones of Wilmot; d. Oct. 5, 1841. Five children.
6. Lucy, b. N. L., Oct. 25, 1793; is said to have been unmarried, and res. with her sister Betsey.
7. Mehitabel, b. Feb. 18, 1795; m. Aaron Smith of Salem, Mass.; d. July 31, 1876. Children: Mehitabel, Eunice, Elizabeth, Aaron, Augustus, Lucy Ann.
8. Dolly, b. Oct. 14, 1796; m., Nov. 25, 1821, Mariner P. Eastman of Hopkinton, and had one child, Winslow.
9. Phebe, b. April 29, 1798; d. April 27, 1833.
10. Moses K., b. March 8, 1800; m., April 1, 1833, Julia Stanley of Hopkinton, an aunt of Benton M. Stanley of N. L. They res. in Wilmot, and had four children, all of whom are d. except Horace S., b. June 14, 1834, who has been twice m. and now res. in his native town. Moses K. d. June 14, 1878.
11. John, b. April 14, 1802; m. and had nine children; res. at Ipswich, Mass., and afterwards at Lewiston, Me., where he d. Aug. 3, 1884.

PRESCOTT, SAMUEL.—In 1800 Samuel Prescott, great-grandfather of James D. Prescott, was living in the northeast district (afterwards Wilmot), about a mile northwest of the present Wilmot Centre. He was b. Nov. 24, 1764, at Epping, the son of Micah and Abigail (Brown) Prescott and the fourth in descent from James Prescott of Dryby, Lincolnshire, Eng., who settled in Hampton, then of the old county of Norfolk, Mass., in 1665 (see "The Prescott Memorial," *p.* 229, *et seq.*). Samuel m. Dolly Brown of Raymond, and res. and d. in

Wilmot. His sister Betsey m. James Philbrick, who also res. in the northeast district. Children of Samuel and Dolly (Brown) Prescott :

1. Obadiah, b. July 25, 1791; m. Abigail Towle, b. June 5, 1795, and res. at Wilmot. Eight children.
2. Jonathan, b. May 15, 1793; m. Sarah Scribner, b. Dec. 27, 1789; res. in Wilmot; d. Feb. 1, 1869. Children :
 - (1). Sewell B., b. Feb. 19, 1816; m. Olive Dickey, b. Feb. 28, 1816, and res. in Wilmot and N. L.
 - (2). John T., b. June 12, 1817; m. Dolly Emerson, b. Sept. 17, 1815.
 - (3). Silas B., b. Aug. 6, 1818; m. Fidelia J. Piper, b. Dec. 1, 1820. Silas d. March, 1847.
 - (4). Sarah A., b. Aug. 1, 1820; m. Harrison Emerson, b. July 19, 1813. Two children, Jonathan P., Harry G.
 - (5). Joseph B., b. Aug. 15, 1823; m. Elvira T. Robinson, b. March, 1828; res. Ogden, N. Y.
 - (6). George W., b. Sept. 30, 1828; m. (1), Aug. 11, 1848, Lydia A. Upton, b. June 5, 1828; m. (2), Nov. 24, 1859, Hattie J., sister of Lydia A., res. Wilmot.
3. Abigail, b. March 20, 1795; never m.
4. Sally, b. Dec. 9, 1797; m. Benjamin Cross, and res. in Springfield.
5. Josiah, b. March 21, 1799; m. (1) Nancy Heath, b. March, 1806; m. (2) Eunice Messer, b. April 16, 1810. Nine children.
6. Greenleaf, b. Sept. 17, 1802; m. Harriet Heath, b. April 7, 1808.
7. Daniel, b. April 13, 1806; m. Betsey Rowell, b. July 23, 1811. No children.
8. William, b. May 7, 1809; m. Mary Brown, b. 1811. No children.
9. Mary (twin to William); m. Moses Ray, b. Feb. 27, 1807, and res. in Wilmot.

RUSSELL, JOHN.—In the list of highway surveyors for 1792 and 1796 is found the name of John Russell, who in 1800 was a resident of the northeast district. The children of John and Molly Russell recorded in the N. L. vital statistics were,—

1. Molly, b. Oct. 27, 1791.
2. Achsah, b. Dec. 14, 1793.
3. Hannah, b. Dec. 24, 1795.
4. Betsey, b. July 3, 1797.

5. Nabby, b. April 8, 1799.
6. Fanny, b. Feb. 14, 1804.
7. Sophronia, b. Feb. 12, 1806.

SARGENT, CAPT. AMASA.—The fourth son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, b. March 6, 1770, was named Amasa, and gained his title in the early militia. He m., Jan. 5, 1796, Susanna, dau. of Jonathan Shepard, and settled on the Ransom F. Sargent place. After his father had removed with his third son, Ebenezer, to the Charles D. Sargent place in the centre of the town, Capt. Amasa res. on the old homestead at the West Part till 1812, when he removed to a farm at Goose Hole, in what was then Wendall. Here he built a saw- and grist-mill over the brook through which the water flows from Goose Hole to Otter pond, and erected a dwelling near the site of the present Sanford Fisher house. When his dau., Sylvia, who had m. Amos Woodward, removed to Hanover, Amasa and his family went with them, he having sold the mill privilege at Goose Hole to Jesse Blake in 1815. He d. Dec. 8, 1868. Children :

1. Sylvia, b. Nov. 24, 1796; m. Amos, son of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward, b. Sutton, May 31, 1792, and res. at Hanover.
2. Susanna, b. Feb. 13, 1799.
3. Jonathan Shepard, b. June 27, 1802.
4. Eunice, b. Jan. 14, 1804.
5. Amasa, b. Feb. 6, 1806.

SARGENT, ANTHONY.—Anthony, the eldest son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, was b. in Amesbury, Mass., Feb., 1760, and removed to N. L. with his father in the winter of 1781. Though young to serve as a soldier, he had been with Stark at Bennington and had suffered with the scurvy. In N. L. he made a clearing near the present Frank Jewett house, and lived there for more than 40 years. His first wife, Miriam, bore him two children, and d. Sept. 29, 1792, aged 31 years. Anthony m. (2), Jan. 12, 1794, Mrs. Dilly (Delia) Fletcher, widow of Joel Fletcher the elder, who was drowned in Lake Sunapee in 1792. Anthony d. March 12, 1825; Delia d. May 14, 1823, aged 56 years. Children :

1. Nathan, b. Dec. 10, 1784; never m.; d. Jan. 21, 1858.
2. Jacob, b. June 1, 1790; never m.; d. June 6, 1828.



EBENEZER SARGENT.



PRUDENCE (CHASE) SARGENT.

3. Miram, b. June 26, 1800; m. Dec. 16, 1823, John, son of John and Mehitable Page, b. Salem, Dec. 25, 1800, and res. in N. L.

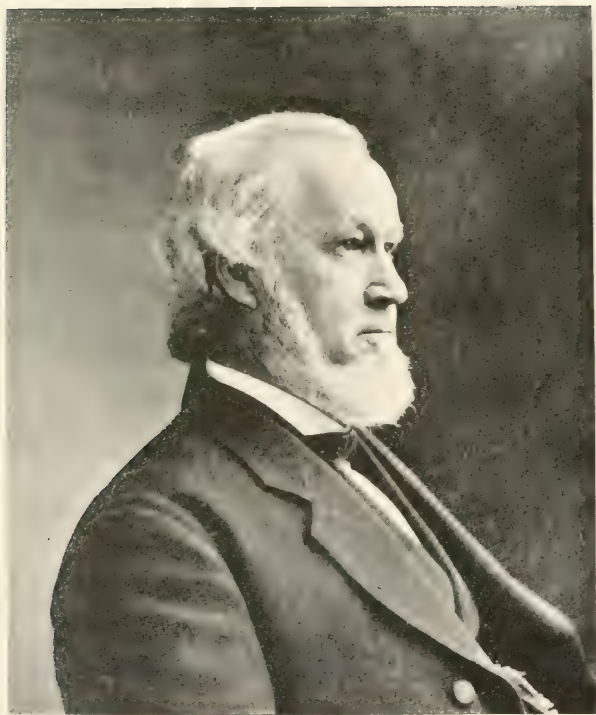
SARGENT, EBENEZER (1).—Peter Sargent, the ancestor of most of the Sargents in N. L., was a great-great-grandson of William Sargent the immigrant, who had two sons, Thomas and William. Peter's great-grandfather was Thomas, whose brother William also had a great-grandson in N. L. before 1800. William's great-grandson was Ebenezer, the son of Philip and Hannah (Hadley) Sargent of Kingston. He settled in the West Part, and took great interest in town affairs, serving as constable and collector and as selectman. His first wife was Esther Quimby, by whom he had seven children, Esther d. Oct. 28, 1789, and Elder Seamans, who attended her funeral, has this note in his diary: "N. B. This was the first member of this little Chh who died since its constitution." Ebenezer m. (2) Phebe Flanders, and in 1800 removed to Orange, Vt., where he res. for several years, going thence to Chautauqua, N. Y., where he d. He was a Revolutionary soldier, and received a pension. Children:

1. Philip, b. March 13, 1778.
2. Betty, b. March 2, 1780.
3. Moses, b. Feb. 21, 1782.
4. Aaron, twin to Moses; d. Aug. 1, 1782.
5. Ebenezer, b. March 11, 1784.
6. Aaron, b. April 4, 1786.
7. Enoch, b. May 11, 1788.
8. Esther, b. Sept. 20, 1790.
9. Levi, b. May 1, 1792.
10. Joseph, b. Sept. 9, 1794.
11. Robert, b. April 14, 1796.
12. Thomas Currier, b. April 12, 1798.
13. Comfort, b. Feb. 27, 1800.

SARGENT, EBENEZER (2).—Ebenezer was the third son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, b. Hopkinton, April 16, 1768, and was, therefore, thirteen years old when his father removed from that town to N. L. On attaining his majority he settled on the Charles D. Sargent farm, northwest of the Four Corners, and some time later moved to the farm at Davis's corner. Nov. 25, 1792, he was joined in marriage to Pru-

dence, dau. of John and Ruth (Hills) Chase of Wendall. Ten children were born to them, nine of whom lived to mature age. Both parents had only a very limited education, the schools of those early times confining instruction to the arts of reading and writing; but they were hard workers, and not only reared their large family, giving to each his or her "portion" on coming of age or at marriage, but acquired what was looked upon in those days as a considerable competence for their old age, for they were spared to live together more than 65 years. Ebenezer d. July 3, 1859; Prudence d. March 17, 1858, aged 83 years. Children:

1. Anna, b. Oct. 31, 1793; m. Joseph Putney, July 22, 1810, and res. in N. L.
2. Rebekah, b. June 10, 1795; m., Dec. 29, 1818, Nathaniel, son of Nathaniel S. and Sarah Messer, b. Oct. 22, 1789, and res. in N. L.
3. Ruth, b. April 30, 1797; m., Sept. 28, 1830, Amos Parker "of Sutton" (his second wife), and res. in N. L.
4. Seth Freeman, b. June 16, 1799; m., Nov. 16, 1823, Polly, dau. of John and Molly (Brocklebank) Adams, b. Aug. 29, 1799, and res. in N. L.
5. Aaron Leland, b. April 22, 1802; m., Nov. 6, 1827, Jane Addison of Springfield, and res. in N. L.
6. Sylvanus Thayer, b. Feb. 12, 1805; m. (1) Emmeline, dau. of Elder Crockett of Danbury and sister of Charles Crockett of N. L.; m. (2) Azubah, dau. of "Doctor" Roby of Sutton, and res. in N. L.
7. Lois, b. April 28, 1807; m., Nov. 6, 1827, Charles Messer of Danbury, son of Nathaniel S. and Sarah Messer of N. L., b. June 5, 1803. They res. in Danbury, and had three children.
8. Laura, b. March 28, 1809; m. Adam, son of Jonathan and Lucy (Parker) Davis of Sutton, b. Nov. 10, 1793, and res. in N. L.
9. Jonathan Kittredge, b. Oct. 9, 1814; d. at the age of two years.
10. Jonathan Everett, b. Oct. 23, 1816; lived at home, with limited advantages in the way of schooling, until he was seventeen, when his father "gave him his freedom" instead of the sum of money his elder brothers had received on attaining their majority. He worked in a saddler's shop, and taught school, for two years, then spent a year at Kimball Union academy in Meriden, entering Dartmouth college in 1836. With the



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exception of two hundred dollars loaned him by his father, young Sargent earned his way through college, graduating among the first in his class in 1840. He was admitted to the bar in the courts of the District of Columbia in 1842, and the New Hampshire superior court of judicature in 1843. For a quarter-century he was a prominent figure in legislative circles, and as judge of the different courts and chief-justice of the state held terms of court in every shire-town and half shire-town in the state. The architect of his own fortune, the humble farmer boy by his energy and perseverance reached the highest post of honor in his chosen profession that his native state could bestow.

Judge Sargent m. (1), Nov. 29, 1843, Maria C., dau. of John Jones, Esq., of Enfield, by whom he had two children: John Jones Sargent, graduated at Dartmouth college in 1866, and d. in Oshkosh, Wis., Oct. 3, 1870, just as he was ready to commence practice as a lawyer; the second son, Everett Foster, d. young. He m. (2), Sept. 5, 1853, Louisa Jennie, dau. of Dea. James K. Paige of Wentworth, by whom he had three children:

- (1). Marie Louise, b. Sept. 8, 1856; m., July 25, 1882, Harry Masterton, and had Mildred, b. Jan. 4, 1888; Marie Louise d. at Concord, Sept. 19, 1894.
- (2). Annie Lawrie, b. July 9, 1862; d. April 13, 1865.
- (3). George Lincoln, b. Aug. 10, 1868; m. Inez W. Ranney in 1893; was killed in a coasting accident at Concord, Jan. 19, 1894.

At the centennial celebration of his native town, June 25, 1879, Judge Sargent delivered a most scholarly address before probably the largest assembly of people the town has ever witnessed. In September of that year he retired from the practice of law, and from that time until his death, Jan. 6, 1890, enjoyed life with his family, his friends, and his books, as only the man who has thoroughly earned his success can. After entering practice in this state in 1843, Judge Sargent lived four years in Canaan, twenty-two in Wentworth, and twenty-one in Concord, where he had one of the finest residences in the city, and where he passed peacefully away, full of years and honors,—a man whom New London is proud to claim as one of her most distinguished sons.

SARGENT, EZEKIEL.—Ezekiel was the sixth son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, b. Hopkinton, November, 1773,

and, therefore, eight years old when his father removed to N. L. In the earlier years of his manhood he possessed considerable property, and was influential in town affairs. He built an imposing residence on Colby hill, which for many years was known as "The Elms" from the noble trees that shaded and adorned the dooryard, but is to-day Hotel Sargent under its present owner, Walter P. Sargent. This property Ezekiel afterwards sold, with the exception of a small piece of land on which he built the Luther McCutchins house, and the roomy dwelling was none too large for the fourteen children who blessed his hearthstone. His first wife, Sarah Page, was the mother of eight children, and d. March 1, 1817, aged 44 years. Ezekiel m. (2), April 6, 1818, Emily, dau. of Solomon and Molly (Bancroft) Adams, who d. Nov. 27, 1864, aged 70 years. Ezekiel d. July 29, 1855. Children:

1. Sophronia, b. Aug. 20, 1799; m., Sept. 19, 1820, Hezekiah, son of Nathaniel S. and Sarah Messer, b. March 21, 1795, and res. in N. L.
2. Plooma, b. Jan. 10, 1802; went to Corinth, Me., where she m. Dea. Stephen Dexter.
3. Gilman, b. Dec. 31, 1804; d. Dec. 20, 1805.
4. Polly, b. Feb. 12, 1807; never m.; d. at Matthew H. Sargent's about 1837.
5. Gilman, b. May 6, 1809; went to Corinth, Me., where he m. three times, and d.
6. Sally, b. July 15, 1811; went to Corinth, Me., where she m. William Mills, and res. in Levant.
7. Ezekiel, b. Jan. 2, 1814.
8. Emily, b. Feb. 23, 1817; d. March 13, 1817.
9. William H. H., b. May 2, 1819; never m.; was in business at the Four Corners for a time, then started for California in 1849, but d. in Oregon before reaching the mines.
10. Emily Maria, b. March 19, 1821; m., Nov. 24, 1846, J. Q. A. Wood of Tecumseh, Mich., a native of Loudon, N. H. They res. at New Ipswich and Ann Arbor, Mich. At the latter place Mrs. Wood established a young ladies' seminary, which she conducted successfully for many years. Later she returned to N. L., where she d., Dec. 27, 1854, leaving one son, Harry S., now a lawyer at Steele, N. D.
11. Edwin Ruthven, b. March 19, 1823; m. Eliza, dau. of Joseph G. and Betsey Woodward, and had,—Charles M. (res. in

Henniker), Frank (res. in Warner), Byron, and three others. Edwin enlisted in a Vermont regiment during the Rebellion, and was never heard of afterwards.

12. Julia Amanda, b. April 13, 1825; m. William H. H. Wood (brother of J. Q. A. Wood, above), lawyer and school-teacher, and res. in Kentucky and Sauk Rapids, Minn. A son, Harry P., edits the *Free Press* at Sauk Rapids.
13. Lois Adams, b. July 12, 1829; m. Archibald M., son of John Hayes, and moved to Pittsfield. Mr. Hayes was a lawyer, and later located at Hastings, Minn., where Lois d. Jan 1, 1896.
14. Andrew Jackson, b. Nov. 12, 1833; m., April 29, 1861, Juliette Dewey of Barnet, Vt., and res. in N. L.

SARGENT, JOHN.—The fifth of the eight sons of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent was John, b. Hopkinton, Oct. 11, 1771. Oct. 22, 1795, he m. Susanna Johnson, and leaving the shelter of the paternal roof established his own household a little southeast of Pleasant street, on a spot between the present residence of George R. McFarland and that of Bay N. McFarland. Later he built the homestead now occupied by his youngest son, George W. Sargent. Susanna (Johnson) Sargent d. Dec. 25, 1840, aged 64 years. John m. (2) Jane Eaton, widow of Jonathan Eaton of Sutton, and dau. of Philip and Hannah (Hadley) Sargent of Kingston, b. 1773. Both d. the same day, March 26, 1864, he being 93 years of age, and his wife 91. Children of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent:

1. Stephen, b. Sept. 20, 1796; m., Oct. 12, 1819, Mary Eaton, dau. of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward, b. March 27, 1799, and res. in N. L.
2. Rhapsyma, b. Nov. 20, 1797; m., July 13, 1819, Richard Fiske of Hopkinton; d. Dec. 14, 1838.
3. John Johnson, b. May 19, 1799; m. Rachel, dau. of Ezekiel and Ednah (Wilkins) Davis of Sutton, b. Aug. 22, 1803, and res. in N. L.
4. Mehitable K., b. March 14, 1801; m., Aug. 8, 1820, John K., son of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward, b. July 9, 1795, and res. in N. L.
5. Hannah, b. Oct. 28, 1802; m., Feb. 6, 1827, Isaac, son of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward, b. March 15, 1797, and res. in N. L.

6. Sally, b. March 1, 1804; m., Jan. 21, 1834, John D., son of Joseph and Polly (Dole) Woodward, b. Aug. 22, 1808, and res. in N. L.
7. Daniel, b. March 25, 1806; d. 1807.
8. Dolly, b. Aug. 16, 1807; m., Jan. 21, 1834, John D. Woodward (his second wife), and res. in N. L.
9. Susan, b. Feb. 28, 1809; m. Richard Fiske of Hopkinton (his second wife).
10. Perley, b. Nov. 12, 1810; m., Sept. 11, 1838, Mary J., dau. of Elbridge and Mary (Dearborn) King of Sutton, b. Nov. 29, 1819. He res. for a short time in N. L. and was in business here; then went to North Sutton, where he was postmaster for several years and kept store in connection with his brother James. Later he removed to Ripon, Wis., and d. there Feb. 14, 1864. His family returned to Sutton, and his widow m., May 5, 1874, Philip N. Little. Children:
 - (1). Albert, b. July 8, 1840; m., Feb. 19, 1866, Alice Savage, and had eleven children; d. Montreal, Oct. 25, 1887.
 - (2). Emoroa, b. May 24, 1842; m., Dec. 29, 1869, John W. Ven, and had Charles F., b. Blair, Neb., Dec. 11, 1870.
 - (3). Emily, b. Nov. 9, 1843; m., Dec. 14, 1865, W. J. McLean, and had Bert E., b. Parkersburg, Ia., Sept. 23, 1883.
 - (4). Alma, b. April 14, 1848; d. Sutton, Jan. 31, 1870.
 - (5). Walter P., b. June 7, 1850; m., July 26, 1874, Mary Frances, dau. of Benjamin P. and Adeline (Felch) Sargent, and res. in Sutton and N. L.
 - (6). Frederic G., b. Jan. 2, 1852; d. Ripon, Wis., May 28, 1863.
11. Hiram, b. July 26, 1812; d. Jan. 15, 1830.
12. Emily, b. March 17, 1816; d. Aug. 4, 1818.
13. James M., b. Feb. 13, 1818; m., Feb. 23, 1843, Catherine Jackman, b. May 17, 1819; no children. Was a merchant in North Sutton with his brother Perley, and later in connection with his wife. Both were highly esteemed, and Mr. Sargent held several important offices and was deacon of the Baptist church for many years. Both are d., James having passed away April 26, 1895.
14. George W., b. July 9, 1820; m., Oct. 31, 1848, Emily G., dau. of Isaac and Sally (Richardson) Bunker, b. March 9, 1825, and res. in N. L.

SARGENT, PETER.—The large and influential family of Sargents in New England find a common ancestor in William

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Sargent, the emigrant, b. in England, 1602, the son of Richard Sargent, an officer in the royal navy. William came to America in 1633, and d. in Amesbury, Mass., about 1675. He had two sons, Thomas and William, and descendants from both these branches were numbered among the early settlers of N. L., viz., Ebenezer Sargent, great-grandson of William, and Peter Sargent, great-grandson of Thomas. Peter was the son of Dea. Stephen and Judith (Ordway) Sargent, b. Nov. 2, 1736. He removed from Amesbury to Hopkinton in 1763, coming from thence to N. L., in the winter of 1781, and locating on a knoll a short distance west of the present West Part burying-ground. In 1800 Peter was living with his son Ebenezer, on the Charles D. Sargent farm near the Four Corners, leaving his son Amasa on the original homestead in the West Part. Later Ebenezer removed to Davis's corner, and Peter then lived in a small house nearly opposite him. Peter's first wife was Ruth Nichols of Amesbury, a relative of the mother of Esquire Josiah Brown of N. L. Twelve of their thirteen children m. and res. in N. L., and they have more descendants in the town than any other one family of the pioneers. Ruth (Nichols) Sargent d. Nov. 5, 1808, aged 69 years, and Peter m. (2) Abigail Homans, who d. March 22, 1813, aged 75 years. His third wife was the widow of John Chase of Sunapee, mother of his son Ebenezer's wife. He d. March 8, 1816, aged 80 years. The family record of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent is,—

1. Anthony, b. Amesbury, Mass., February, 1760; m. (1) Miriam —; m. (2), Jan. 12, 1794, Mrs. Delia Fletcher, and res. in N. L.
2. Abigail, b. January, 1761; m., Jan. 11, 1783, Abner Whittier, and res. in N. L.
3. Ruth, b. Hopkinton, Feb. 11, 1763; m. Mr. Nichols.
4. Judith, b. November, 1764; m., about 1788, Abner Whittier (his second wife), and res. in N. L.
5. Peter, b. August, 1766; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Philip and Hannah (Hadley) Sargent of Kingston, and res. in N. L.
6. Ebenezer, b. April 16, 1768; m., Nov. 25, 1792, Prudence, dau. of John and Ruth (Hills) Chase of Wendall, and res. in N. L.
7. Amasa, b. March 6, 1770; m., Jan. 5, 1796, Susanna, dau. of Jonathan Shepard, and res. in N. L.

8. John, b. October, 1771; m., Oct. 22, 1795, Susanna Johnson, and res. in N. L.
9. Molly, twin to John; m., Jan. 7, 1800, Ensign Solomon Adams, son of John and Elizabeth (Kilborn) Adams, b. March 4, 1759, and res. in N. L.
10. Ezekiel, b. November, 1773; m. (1) Sarah Page; m. (2), April 6, 1818, Emily, dau. of Solomon and Molly (Bancroft) Adams, and res. in N. L.
11. Stephen, b. March 3, 1775; m., Oct. 22, 1799, Sarah, dau. of Benjamin and Apphia Perley, and res. in N. L.
12. William, b. Feb. 11, 1778; m., about 1808, Susanna, dau. of Caleb Segur, and res. in N. L.
13. Lois, b. N. L., March, 1781; m., June 18, 1805, Nathan, son of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick, b. March 14, 1784, and res. in N. L.

SARGENT, DEA. PETER.—The second son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent was given his father's name. He was b. in Hopkinton, August, 1766, and came with the family to N. L. in 1781. After his marriage to Elizabeth, dau. of Philip and Hannah (Hadley) Sargent of Kingston, Peter erected the present Benjamin Merrill house in the West Part, and res. there till his death. He was chosen deacon of the N. L. Baptist church, April 3, 1812, and served thirteen years. Peter d. July 9, 1851; Elizabeth d. March 13, 1856, aged 90 years. Children:

1. Matthew H., b. Aug. 14, 1790; m., Feb. 24, 1814, Mary P., dau. of Samuel and Sally (Peaslee) Andrews of Sutton, b. Oct. 12, 1792, and res. in N. L.
2. Daniel, b. Sept. 23, 1793; m. (1) Deborah Foss of Charlestown, Mass., b. Aug. 18, 1794; m. (2) Sarah Burnap; m. (3) Mrs. Mary (Harvey) Hope, and res. in N. L.
3. Hannah, b. Sept. 2, 1795; m., Dec. 1, 1814, Amos, son of John and Mehitable Page, b. Salem, Feb. 1, 1792, and res. in N. L.
4. Abigail, b. Aug. 26, 1798; d. Dec. 13, 1819.

SARGENT, STEPHEN.—Stephen, the seventh son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, was b. in Hopkinton, March 3, 1775. He m., Oct. 22, 1799, Sarah, dau. of Benjamin and Apphia Perley, b. May 29, 1779, and res. in a red house which used to sit nearly opposite William S. Messer's present dwelling. Mrs. Apphia Perley d. at the home of her son-in-law, July 15, 1825, aged 80 years. Stephen was a cabinet-maker by trade.

In the War of 1812 he enlisted in Capt. Silas Call's company, together with Samuel Messer, Zenas Herrick, and Nathan Smith. The company was called out, and ordered to Portsmouth, and Stephen, who was serving as lieutenant, was placed in full command for a time, owing to the death of Captain Call. Stephen d. Feb. 19, 1856; Sally d. Oct. 2, 1862. Children :

1. Sally, b. July 1, 1800; d. July 2, 1800.
2. Marcus, b. May 30, 1801; m., Dec. 27, 1829, Ann Severance of Andover, b. May 11, 1806, and res. in N. L.
3. Dolly, b. May 19, 1803; d. Sept. 27, 1804.
4. Amy Snowden, b. Dec. 24, 1806; m., Jan. 17, 1833, Benjamin Low, and res. in Georgetown, Mass. Children: Sarah, John, Matilda (d. young), Charles, Matilda, Benjamin.
5. Charles Seamans, b. March 19, 1817; m., Dec. 30, 1841, Judith T. Severance of Andover, b. March 2, 1818, and res. in N. L.

SEAMANS, ELDER JOB.—In the annals of the town no name is more honored, no memory is more blessed than that of Elder Job Seamans, the first settled minister, three generations of whose descendants were living in the town in the year 1896. The oldest known ancestor of the Seamans family in New England was the Mr. Seamans who about 1690 came from Maryland to Massachusetts, and settled in Swansea. His son, Charles, b. 1700, was a farmer in Rehoboth, Mass., and a deacon of the church. In 1726, Dea. Charles m. Hannah Bowen, b. 1709, whose paternal and maternal grandfathers had been followers of Oliver Cromwell. Their youngest son was Job, b. Rehoboth, May 24, 1748. In 1749, Dea. Charles moved to Swansea, then a few years later to Providence, R. I., going from thence to Sackville, N. S., where he d. Aug. 4, 1771. Hannah (Bowen) Seamans survived her husband many years, and in her old age was tenderly cared for in the home of her son Job at N. L., where she d. March 19, 1798.

Job Seamans united with the Baptist church in Sackville when he was twenty years old, and after his father's death gave up the work on the farm and began his ministerial labors with that people. In a few months he received a call to the Baptist church in North Attleboro, Mass., and was ordained as its first pastor, Dec. 15, 1772. Here he remained until he

accepted the call of the church and town of N. L. This came early in 1788, and he was duly installed as pastor of the little flock Jan. 21, 1789,—the humble beginning of a pastorate of forty years. The true value of the work done by Elder Seamans in this connection cannot be measured in a few brief words; strong and earnest in his devotion to the spiritual interests of his people, exemplifying in his daily walk the gospel truths he so faithfully set forth on the Lord's day, his was an influence permeating and far-reaching in its effects, and broad and deep were laid the foundations on which later generations might rear a superstructure worthy of the Master-builder. Viewed in the light of to-day he had but scant preparation for the calling to which he felt himself set apart, but his diary, covering the greater portion of his ministerial life, in which he outlined his sermons, lectures, etc., shows a wonderful power of research, with its consequent broadening effect in thought and expression. He felt deeply the responsibilities of his position, and gave himself whole-heartedly to the cause he loved so well.

In his home life Elder Seamans was peculiarly happy, and the strong affection he bore his family is touchingly revealed in his chroniclings of the joys and sorrows that came to the different members of the household circle. Their home was the Christopher C. Gardner house on Pleasant street, which was built by the Elder, the frame being raised April 23, 1790. He was twice married. The wife of his youth and mature manhood, and the mother of his children, was Sarah, dau. of Valentine and Dorcas (Beverly) Easterbrooks of Johnstown, R. I., b. April 14, 1750, whom he m. Aug. 10, 1769. Madam Seamans, as she was called, was a fitting helpmeet for her husband. Vigorous in mind and body, energetic and purposeful, she ably supplemented his arduous efforts to provide for his loved ones by her own wise administration of the household economics. The earthly termination of her long and useful life came April 27, 1819, after a brief illness, and the tender tribute of a loving husband is her best eulogy:

“My dear companion resigned her soul into the hands of
“her dear Redeemer, without a struggle or a groan. She
“died at a quarter after 7 o’Clock A. M. Oh! what a scene of
“sorrow and woe—I and her children around her bed,



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From silhouettes in possession of Miss Sarah Seamans Brown.

“drenched in tears. I kissed her lips just as she drew her last breath ; and resigned up to God the sweetest earthly comfort I ever enjoyed. She was 69 years old the 14th day of this present month, and if we had lived together until the 10th day of August next we should have lived together 50 years. . . . She and I were both struck under soul-concern at a baptizing-meeting : and both of us obtained a hope in a few days, were baptized, and joined the church, and have walked in Christian union and fellowship until the day of her death. And in all our temporal and family concerns have lived in love and in peace. . . . Here her dear remains lay by me ; and I am almost blinded by tears while I write. . . . I miss her everywhere ; especially at family worship ; I never knew until now how much she encouraged my heart and strengthened my hand in that duty. She was made for me as really as Eve was made for Adam.”

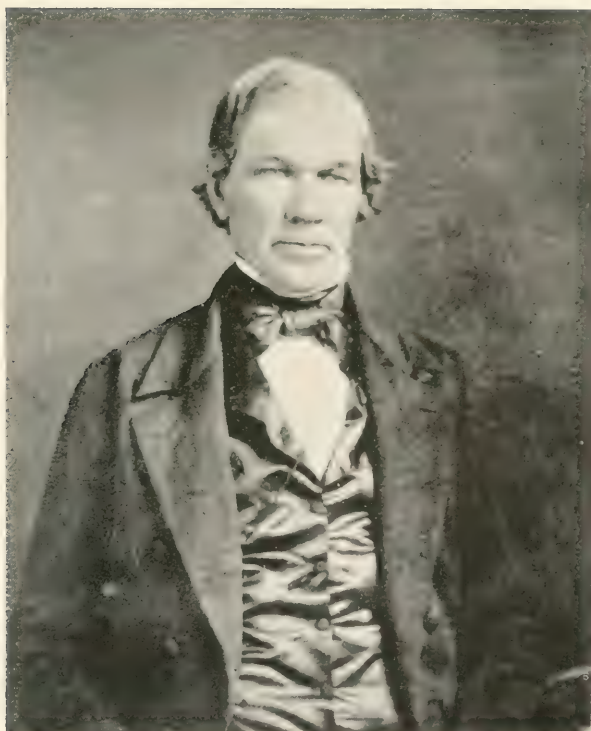
In his rapidly declining years and now feeble health, and with his children settled in homes of their own, the Elder was indeed left alone, but, Nov. 30, 1819, his hearthstone was blessed by the advent of a second wife, Mrs. Mary (Messenger) Everett, widow of Jonathan Everett. The remaining years of his life passed peacefully and quietly away, and on Oct. 4, 1830, he “fell asleep,”—his labors ended : his rest begun. Mrs. Mary Seamans d. April 18, 1833, aged 69 years. The children of Elder Job Seamans were :

1. Sarah, b. Sackville, Nov. 12, 1770 ; m. Aug. 15, 1793, Josiah, son of Josiah and Lydia (Stevens) Brown, b. East Newbury, Mass., Feb. 11, 1767, and res. in N. L.
2. Charles, b. Attleboro, Aug. 2, 1773 ; was a school-teacher ; d. June 26, 1793. The following obituary notice appeared in “Hough’s Concord Herald,” published at Concord, under date of July 4, 1793 : “On Wednefday the 26th ult. at the raifing of a Meeting-Houfe in Newport, Mr. Charles Seamans, eldft Son of the Rev. Job. Seamans of New-London, unfortunately fell from the plate of the faid Meeting-Houfe, it being 27 feet high. He was immediately taken up, appearently dead, a Phyfician being prefent, he was blooded and in about three minutes he was feen to breathe ; but on examination all hopes of life were depaired of, as his head was found by a number of Phyficians to be greatly bruifed, one fide of his head was beaten in, fo as to com-

“ prefs the brain, he was carried to a dwelling houfe not far
 “ diftant, where every poffible means was ufed for his recov-
 “ ery, but all proved ineffectual. He lived about four hours
 “ without fpeaking or fhewing any figns of rationality, and
 “ was then called to make his exit from this to the world of
 “ unbodied Spirits. The day following his funeral was
 “ attended at faid Meeting-Houfe, where a large concourfe
 “ of people affembled, a Sermon adapted to the occafion,
 “ was delivered by the Rev. Biel Ledoyt, from the firft Thef.
 “ 4th Chapt. 18th verfe. Wherefore comfort one another
 “ with thefe words. After which the remains of the deceafed
 “ was borne to the grave, by a number of respectable young
 “ Gentlemen, and decently interred, and every refpect which
 “ human nature is capable of expreffing, was fhewn both to
 “ the mourners and the deceafed. He was about 20 years of
 “ age, of a bright genius, bid fair for a ufeul member of
 “ Society, he was univerfally beloved by his acquaintance,
 “ and gained the affections of all thofe who were under his
 “ tuition. He has left an affectionate Father and Mother,
 “ three brothers and five fifters, to mourn the lofs of a dutiful
 “ Son and an amiable brother.—

“ Now he is gone now he is fled,
 “ Down to the manfions of the dead,
 “ With duft he now is cover’d o’er,
 “ To fleep till th’ heav’ns shall be no more.”

3. Union, b. April 17, 1775 ; d. Nov. 6, 1775.
4. Rhoda, b. Feb. 23, 1777 ; m., Sept. 9, 1827, Josiah Brown (his second wife), and res. in N. L.
5. Lois, b. April 2, 1779 ; m., Sept. 19, 1799, Jonathan, son of Benjamin and Zillah Woodbury, b. July 23, 1776, and res. in N. L.
6. Job, b. Feb. 11, 1781 ; m. (1), Nov. 19, 1807, Olive, dau. of Benjamin and Zillah Woodbury, b. Salem, Jan. 12, 1783 ; m. (2), Jan. 17, 1827, Nancy Pillsbury of Candia, b. May 26, 1793, and res. in N. L.
7. Thomas Easterbrooks, b. Jan. 7, 1783 ; d. May 1, 1784.
8. Mary, b. Feb. 25, 1785 ; m., March 6, 1806, Capt. Philip S., son of Matthew and Hannah (Sargent) Harvey of Sutton, b. June 7, 1781 ; res. in Sutton ; d. Nov. 24, 1866. Child :
 (1). Mary R., b. 1808 ; never m. ; d. Feb. 1, 1875.
9. Manning, b. May 24, 1787 ; m. (1), Aug. 23, 1810, Abigail, dau. of Ebenezer and Sally (Burpee) Shepard, b. Sept. 12, 1795 ; m. (2), Sept. 19, 1839, Mehitable, dau. of John and Mehitable Page, b. Salem, Feb. 14, 1798, and res. in N. L.



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10. Asenath, b. N. L., June 10, 1789; m., Aug. 5, 1813, Daniel, son of Jacob and Judith (Cheney) Davis of Sutton, b. Nov. 9, 1790; res. in Sutton and Concord. Children: Job S., Mary, Daniel.
11. James E., b. Dec. 19, 1791; m., Nov. 3, 1816, Hannah Sharpe of Albany, N. Y., where they res.; d. April 20, 1830.
12. Seth, b. May 13, 1794; d. April 16, 1813.

SEGUR, CALEB.—One of the signatures to the petition for the town's incorporation was that of Caleb Segur, who had a log cabin on Pleasant street, just below the present George W. Sargent house. When the day of framed dwellings came, he built on the site now occupied by Maj. W. A. Messer's "Red Gables," near the head of Lake Pleasant. He is said to have been of more than the ordinary stature, and his house was higher-posted than any other in town to accommodate his extra inches. His wife's name was Sally Segur. His daughter Susanna m., about 1808, William, youngest son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, and res. in N. L. A Ruth Segur was baptized March 8, 1793. Elder Seamans also records the fact that on Sunday, Aug. 24, 1794, twins were born to Brother and Sister Segur, but they both d. in a few days. Beyond these data nothing is known of his family or origin, nor does his name appear on the tax-list after 1808.

SHEPARD, LIEUT. EBENEZER.—To the patient research of Mrs. Alma (Fowler) Houston and Mrs. Katie (Fowler) Cross, great-great-granddaughters of Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, is due the credit for the very complete genealogy of the Shepard family, which has been prepared largely from data furnished by them. The town records of Rowley, Mass., make frequent mention of the Shepards,—from "30 of April, 1666," when "Mr. Samuel Shepard and Mrs. Dorothy Flint were joyned in marriage," down to 1730. This Samuel Shepard, who was a minister, was probably the ancestor of the Ebenezer Shepard, b. in 1741, who m. Mrs. Jane McCordy of Dedham, Mass., in 1762. He won his title of lieutenant in the Revolutionary War, being recorded as "Private" on the Lexington alarm roll of Capt. Aaron Fuller's company, which marched on the alarm of April 19, 1775, from Dedham First parish; was commissioned second lieutenant of the First Suffolk County regi-

ment Jan. 26, 1779, and promoted to first lieutenant Sept. 12, 1780. According to the records of the First church (Congregational) of Dedham, "July 8, 1764, Ebenezer Shepard and Jane his wife took covenant," and their nine children, b. between 1763 and 1780, received infant baptism into the same church.

Some time prior to 1790, Lieutenant Shepard and his son-in-law, David Smith, removed with their families from Dedham to this town, and settled in the Low Plain district. Their early connection with the church in N. L. is attested in the list of baptisms kept by Elder Seamans: June 23, 1790, Ebenezer Shepard; Jan. 17, 1793, Ebenezer Shepard, Jr., John Shepard; April 24, Hannah, wife of Jesse Shepard; Oct. 23, Jane, Ebenezer Shepard's wife (her letter from the Dedham church is of Jan. 19, 1794); July 12, 1794, David Smith, Jesse Shepard; Oct. 23, 1809, Sarah, wife of Ebenezer, Jr.,—besides several children from the various families. Men of their stamp are not long in gaining influence in a community, and at the March meeting of 1794, Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard was chosen tithing-man and David Smith highway surveyor. Ebenezer was a joiner by trade, but appears as well to have been a large owner of real estate, numerous deeds of parcels of land conveyed by him having been found in the old Hillsborough county records at Nashua. The town record book gives the location of the Shepards in 1794, for on May 5 of that year it was voted "to lay out a road from Levi Everett's land "[the present John Colby farm] on Daniel Smith's [Austin "Morgan's 'old place'] and Ebenezer Shepard's [James E. "Shepard homestead] to Jesse Shepard's land [Frank W. "Todd's]." In December of that same year, Ebenezer Shepard was moderator of a meeting called to vote for representative to congress. Thus did the gallant lieutenant lay the foundation for the local and political influence which succeeding generations of his descendants were destined to wield in town affairs. Ebenezer d. April 12, 1811, aged 70 years; Jane d. March 30, 1819, aged 80 years. Their children, all b. in Dedham, were,—

1. Catharine, b. June 4, 1763; m., April 20, 1782, David Smith; res. in N. L.
2. Elizabeth, b. June 12, 1765; m., in 1784, James How, son of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer, and res. in N. L.

3. Ebenezer, b. 1767; m., Jan. 8, 1793, Sally, dau. of Lieut. Thomas and Joanna (Foster) Burpee, b. Feb. 26, 1775, and res. in N. L.
4. Jesse, b. Nov. 12, 1769; m., Feb. 3, 1793, Hannah, dau. of Laban and Hannah (Heath) Paige of Dunbarton, b. Dec. 28, 1770, and res. in N. L.
5. Hannah, b. 1772; m. Samuel, son of Samuel and Sarah (Bean) Peaslee of Sutton; res. in Sutton; children: John, Elijah, Joel, Eben, Jonathan, Manly, Irene, Jane, and Sally,—from whom the Bradford and Newbury Peaslees are descended.
6. Mary, b. 1773; m. Jonathan Greeley of Warner, son of Joseph and Prudence (Clement) Greeley, Sept. 12, 1793, and res. in N. L.
7. Sally, b. 1776; m., June 12, 1804, Jonathan, oldest son of Dea. Ebenezer and Hannah (Ordway) Hunting, b. Jan. 23, 1779, and res. in Sutton.
8. Mindwell, b. 1778; m. William Stead, and res. in Albany, N. Y.
9. John, b. Sept. 24, 1780; m., June 18, 1807, Caty Ward; was a capitalist, and lived in New York city, where he d. May 4, 1867; Caty d. July 4, 1852. They had,—
 - (1). John, b. April 17, 1808.
 - (2). Spencer, b. Feb. 16, 1812; d. May 2, 1814.
 - (3). Caty Ann, b. Feb. 14, 1814; d. May 12, 1814.
 - (4). William Stead, b. Albany, N. Y., Nov. 22, 1815; m., Jan. 1, 1838, Sally Everett of N. L., b. Jan. 11, 1818, dau. of Otis and Mary (Shepard) Everett. William Stead Shepard was a capitalist like his father, and did business in Albany, N. Y., where his two oldest children were born. Later he lived in Watervliet, four miles out from Albany, but for more than twenty years the winter months were passed in Florida, for the benefit of his wife's health. Sally (Everett) Shepard d. at DeLand, Fla., April 2, 1886; William Stead Shepard d. at the home of his son, William Henry, at Bath, N. Y., April 6, 1894. Children: (a) William Henry, b. March 16, 1839; m., Sept. 13, 1865, Adelaide Church, b. Jan. 4, 1842, at Morris (then called Butternuts), Otsego county, N. Y., dau. of Lawrence V. and Rachel S. Church. Children: (a) Edith, b. Nov. 26, 1869. (b) Lawrence Church, b. Dec. 13, 1871; d. May 8, 1881. (c) William Stead, b. Aug. 22, 1873. (d) Rachel Adelaide, b. Oct. 19, 1875. (e) Frederic Henry, b. April 17, 1878. (f) Unnamed dau., b. and d. May 23, 1882. Adelaide (Church) Shepard d. May 23, 1882. (b) Mary

Lorena, b. Oct. 13, 1841; d. Feb. 10, 1843. (c) Charles Edgar, b. Feb. 10, 1844; d. March 18, 1845. (d) Mary Frances, b. July 18, 1846; m., May 25, 1870, Albert S. Gibbs, b. Albany, N. Y., July 8, 1848. Their son (a), William Shepard Gibbs, was b. at Albany, Oct. 5, 1875. (e) Charles Earnest, b. Feb. 23, 1850; d. March, 1851.

(5). James G., b. Jan. 26, 1819; d. June 1, 1889.

(6). Lorena, b. Nov. 19, 1822; d. Aug. 19, 1886.

(7). George W., b. May 28, 1825; d. Dec. 6, 1894.

(8). Charles H., b. March 23, 1828; d. Feb. 2, 1857.

SHEPARD, EBENEZER, JR.—The eldest son of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (McCordy) Shepard was Ebenezer, Jr., b. Dedham, Mass., in 1767. Instead of coming to N. L. with his father, he appears to have gone to Vermont, for he was “of Brookfield,” that state, at the time of his marriage, Jan. 8, 1793, to Sally, dau. of Lieut. Thomas and Joanna (Foster) Burpee, b. Rowley, Mass., Feb. 26, 1775. His first location in this town was on the James P. Dixon farm, near the old orchard. June 12, 1800, he moved his house to the site of the present Alvin F. Messer house, on the opposite side of the road; and at this moving James, the eight-year-old son of Elder Seamans, “had his leg crushed in a most dreadful manner.” Mrs. Lucina (Shepard) Fowler distinctly remembers hearing her grandmother, Sally (Burpee) Shepard, tell that in the winter when Samuel Shepard (b. Dec. 9, 1802) was six weeks old, her husband, Ebenezer, Jr., exchanged his farm (now the Alvin F. Messer farm) with Jonathan Greeley for wild land on Low Plain (the present James E. Shepard homestead), which he cleared; and that they moved earlier that spring than they otherwise would have chosen to, on account of setting their goose. Ebenezer, Jr., was a man of untiring industry and great physical vigor, and was more than ordinarily successful as a farmer and trader. He d. at Wilmot Flat, Dec. 7, 1849; Sally d. April 25, 1850. Their children were,—

1. Mary, b. Oct. 4, 1793; m., Nov. 5, 1815, Otis, son of Penuel and Hannah (Slack) Everett, b. Feb. 18, 1789, and res. in N. L.
2. Abigail, b. Sept. 12, 1795; m., Aug. 23, 1810, Manning, son of Elder Job and Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans, b. May 24, 1787, and res. in N. L.

3. Daniel Woodbury, b. June 21, 1798; m., April 28, 1838, Jane Hamilton Robinson, dau. of Joseph Robinson, b. Jan. 15, 1815. He was a merchant, and res. in Albany, N. Y. Jane d. at Albany, May 25, 1860; Daniel Woodbury d. at San Francisco, Cal., in 1870. Children:
 - (1). Joseph Robinson, b. Brockport, N. Y., March 10, 1839; m., Sept. 8, 1863, Maria Bulson, dau. of David Allen Bulson, b. Feb. 14, 1842; res. Rochester, N. Y. Their children were,—(a) Edgar Townsend, b. Aug. 8, 1864; (b) William Stead, b. Sept. 2, 1866; (c) Joseph Robinson, Jr., b. Nov. 11, 1868, d. Sept. 5, 1869.
 - (2). Mary Jane, b. Brockport, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1841; m., about 1858, Col. William Edgar Townsend of Brooklyn, N. Y., where for the past 30 years they res. at 21 S. Elliott place. Their children were,—(a) William Edgar, Jr.; (b) Jessie, now Mrs. Mortimer H. Wagor; (c) Clarence Sands; (d) Edith.
 - (3). Edward Britton, b. Albany, Dec. 4, 1846; m., in 1870, Adelia Cole, b. about 1845; was a merchant, and lived in Muscatine, Ia., where he d. in 1876. Their children were,—(a) Jennie Elizabeth, b. 1872, now Mrs. Fred Remwel, Corning, N. Y.; (b) Ella, b. 1874, res. with her mother at San Diego, Cal.
 - (4). William James, b. Albany, March 23, 1849; m. in 1870, and res. in Rochester, N. Y., where he had one child, (a) Jennie Belle, b. Aug. 18, 1872, now Mrs. Wm. B. Phinney, Silver Creek, N. Y.
4. Amial, b. Sept. 6, 1800; m. Elizabeth Connor of Andover; res. in N. L. for a short time, and built the first house on the Fred Fowler farm, but soon went to Peoria, Ill., and afterwards to California, where he d. at Los Angeles, July 20, 1856; Elizabeth d. at Kickapoo, Ill., Aug. 9, 1845. They had,—
 - (1). Elizabeth Ann, b. Dec. 20, 1836; m., May 24, 1854, Henry Lee, a farmer, and res. in Newton, Mich. Their children were,—(a) Mary Ann, b. Dec. 20, 1855; m., June 24, 1883, James P. Palmer, an artist, and res. in Union City, Mich. They have,—(a) Nina E., b. June 22, 1884; (b) Amial, b. Feb. 12, 1887; (c) Kate Louisa, b. Aug. 16, 1890. (b) Lewis Henry, b. July 8, 1859; m., Jan. 22, 1891, Gertrude Fimple; is principal of a school, and res. in Elkton, S. D. (c) Ella Rose, b. Jan. 5, 1862; m., Sept. 7, 1887, John McDonald, conductor of freights on railroad, and res. in Revanna, Neb. They have,—(a) Ora

- Blanch, b. Nov. 5, 1888; (*b*) Archibald Claud, b. Oct. 25, 1891. (*d*) Emma Jane, b. Oct. 9, 1864; m., Aug. 2, 1883, Jesse Steingham, a workman, and res. in Valley City, N. D. They have,—(*a*) Leo E., b. June 15, 1885; (*b*) Olive E., b. Aug. 23, 1886, d. Aug. 2, 1887; (*c*) Troy J., b. Sept. 5, 1888; (*d*) Eva E., b. Jan. 16, 1892. (*e*) Lena Elizabeth, b. Sept. 13, 1866; d. Aug. 23, 1868; (*f*) Laura Elizabeth, b. Feb. 4, 1871; m., Feb. 25, 1892, Sidney P. Ellis, a farmer, and res. in Valley City, N. D. They have one child, (*a*) Margaret, b. March 16, 1894. (*g*) Edward Steven, b. Oct. 20, 1874; d. March 31, 1883.
5. Samuel, b. Dec. 9, 1802; m. Phebe, dau. of Eli and Rhoda (Drake) Hoskins, and res. in Grafton and N. L.
6. Jeremiah B., b. March 19, 1805; m. (1), Oct. 6, 1830, Mary, dau. of George and Hetty Everett, b. June 26, 1812. He d., May 30, 1875, at Smith's Creek, Mich.; she d., March 12, 1864, at Chicago, Ill. Their children were,—
- (1). George Everett, b. July 24, 1831; m., Feb. 17, 1859, Barbara Ann Lorinson, b. July 25, 1838; d. July 24, 1873, at Charlotte, Mich. They had,—(*a*) Gertrude Corinne, b. Dec. 4, 1860, d. at Chicago, July 3, 1861; (*b*) Franklin Lorinson, b. April 21, 1867.
- (2). Helen Mar, b. Nov. 29, 1837; m., Aug. 22, 1860, Charles Bradford Barnes, b. July 11, 1837. Their children were,—
- (*a*) Everett Shepard, b. July 28, 1864; d. at Chicago, Feb. 9, 1866. (*b*) Edith Maud, b. Jan. 11, 1867. (*c*) Howard Emerson, b. June 2, 1870; m., June 8, 1892, Emma Frances Locke, b. Nov. 29, 1863. Children: (*a*) Clifford Locke, b. April 18, 1893; d. at Eden Centre, N. Y., March 27, 1894. (*b*) Clyde Emerson, b. Oct. 8, 1894.
- Jeremiah Burpee Shepard m. (2), March 31, 1869, Lavinia Austin; no children.
7. George, b. Sept. 3, 1807; m., Jan. 16, 1832, Mrs. Abigail (Hill) Chadwick, of West Newbury, Mass., b. May 20, 1807. George was a farmer, and lived at Wilmot Flat until after the death of his wife, Sept. 8, 1880; since then has divided his time between his two children:
- (1). Mary Anstice, b. April 18, 1834; m., Oct. 5, 1851, Daniel M., son of James Hazen of Sutton, b. May 1, 1830, and res. at Wilmot Flat until after 1857. Mr. Hazen then moved his family to Cambridge, Mass., where with two sons he does a large business in manufacturing "Hazen's Chocolates and Bonbons." Children: (*a*) Frank Pierce, b. July 9, 1852; m., Oct. 27, 1880, Florence E. Carr of



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- Springfield, Mass., b. Oct. 10, 1852, and res. in Cambridge. (b) Kate, b. Dec. 26, 1855; m., April 20, 1880, Herbert F. Sparrow of Cambridge, b. July 27, 1856, and res. in Cambridge. Children: (a) Marion Hazen, b. Dec. 26, 1881; (b) Mildred, b. March 2, 1888. (c) Mary Emma, b. Aug. 30, 1857; m., Feb. 1, 1883, Henry C. Hall of Cambridge, b. Aug. 28, 1857; d. Jan. 10, 1892. Child: (a) Ralph Hazen, b. July 7, 1886. (d) George Emery, b. March 15, 1859; m., July 28, 1884, Carrie S. Shaw of Bangor, Me., b. Feb. 10, 1861; does business with his father in Cambridge. Children: (a) Thaxter Daniel, b. July 1, 1886; (b) Frank Shaw, b. Aug. 14, 1888; (c) Frederick, b. May 25, 1890; (d) Harold Shepard, b. Aug. 8, 1891; (e) Mary Eunice, b. March, 1894. (e) James Will, b. Oct. 15, 1860; m., April 27, 1885, Harriet Maria Carr, of Springfield, Mass.; res. in Boston, and is Eastern manager of the New York Biscuit Co. (f) Daniel Edgar, b. Nov. 10, 1862; d. in infancy. (g) Fanny Shepard, b. May 26, 1866; d. in infancy. (h) Abbie Shepard, b. July 17, 1868; d. March 12, 1885.
- (2). George Edward, b. March 28, 1840; m. (1), Mary Almeda, dau. of Green Johnson of Wilmot, b. Sept. 28, 1839. Mary d. Oct. 14, 1883, and George m. (2), Carrie, dau. of Daniel and Frances Seamans of N. L., b. July 21, 1849. He is a lumber-dealer and res. in Franklin.
8. Sylvester Foster, b. Sept. 27, 1810; m., March 31, 1834, Catherine, dau. of Wait Barrett, a soldier of the Revolution; was a merchant, and res. in Albany. Sylvester d. July 3, 1863; Catherine d. Aug. 7, 1894. Children:
- (1). Sarah Josephine, b. Jan. 8, 1835; m., April 23, 1857, John Howard Hickcox, b. Aug. 10, 1832, at Albany. Child: (a) John Howard, Jr., b. May 9, 1858; m., April 11, 1881, at Washington, D. C., Lula Lee Hughlet of Virginia. They have,—(a) Helen Howard, b. Nov. 24, 1882; (b) Charles Kingsley, b. Feb. 10, 1886; (c) Wallace Oswald, b. Dec. 29, 1890.
- (-). Isadore Jane, b. June 16, 1838; d. Aug. 9, 1855.
- (3). Sylvester Barrett, b. July 25, 1841; was an adjutant in the Civil War, and killed in battle, June 14, 1863, at Port Huron, La.
- (4). Harriet Aurelia, b. April 25, 1843; m., April 26, 1860, Worthington Frothingham, b. in 1831. Children, b. at Albany: (a) Walter Dudley, b. March 6, 1861; m. Jessie Marsh of Albany. They have,—(a) Catherine Shepard, b.

- November, 1892; (*b*) Charles, b. 1894. (*b*) Isadore Shepard, b. Aug. 24, 1864; m., Feb. 16, 1884, Clarence C. Chapman of Albany. They have, — (*a*) Worthington Frothingham, b. April 17, 1885; (*b*) Isaac. (*c*) Worthington Wolcott, b. Feb. 2, 1876.
- (5). Anna Rosaltha, b. April 11, 1845; m., May 14, 1868, Thomas Van Dekar Wolcott, b. Waterford, N. Y., in 1843. Children, b. at Albany: (*a*) Maud, b. Oct. 17, 1869; (*b*) Frank Stebbins, b. Feb. 8, 1873, d. July 10, 1891; (*c*) Thomas Van Dekar, Jr., b. June, 1880.
- (6). Kate Pauline, b. Nov. 6, 1847; d. July 28, 1850.
- (7). Frank Augustus, b. June 24, 1849.
9. Thomas Burpee, b. Feb. 15, 1813; m. (1), June 1, 1840, Eleanor Morse Sheldon, b. May 7, 1822, dau. of Benjamin S. and Anna M. Sheldon of Sweden, Monroe county, N. Y. He was a grocer and farmer, and res. in Orleans, Erie, and Genesee counties, N. Y. Eleanor d. at Clarendon, Orleans county, Nov. 9, 1847; and Thomas m. (2), Oct. 1, 1849, Mrs. Hannah L. (Smith) Hubell, dau. of Lysander R. and Clara Smith, b. in Sardinia, Erie county, Sept. 16, 1824. Thomas d. at Buffalo, Erie county, Aug. 7, 1893. Children, by Eleanor Morse (Sheldon) Shepard:
- (1). Ellen Augusta, b. in Royalton, Niagara county, May 7, 1841; m., Feb. 12, 1861, Nelson Pingrey of Sardinia. Child: (*a*) Thomas Shepard, b. in Elma, Erie county, Jan. 25, 1867; m., Feb. 25, 1892, Elizabeth Weston Stewart; res. in Elba, Genesee county, and have (*a*) Isabell Anna, b. May 1, 1894.
- (2). Isabell Adell, b. Clarendon, July 9, 1847; m., Dec. 29, 1864, Willard Lougee, of Alden, Erie county; res. in Batavia, Genesee county, where she d. Sept. 17, 1880.
10. James G., b. Jan. 4, 1816. Went from N. L. to Nashville, Tenn., where he was engaged for several years as editor and publisher of the *Nashville Union*; he then went to Attica, N. Y., where he has since res. He has always taken a deep interest in the welfare of his fellow-men, and endeavored to elevate them and make them better. In 1868 was a presidential elector, and cast the vote of his district for Horatio Seymour. James m., Sept. 14, 1843, Mary A. Cogswell, b. Oct. 13, 1817, dau. of William Cogswell of Rochester, N. Y. Mary A. (Cogswell) Shepard d. in Attica, Dec. 19, 1876. Child:
- (1). Mary Caroline, b. March 9, 1845; m. Jan. 4, 1870, Burley Smith, son of Augustus A. Smith of Manchester, Mass.

Children: (a) Florence Shepard, b. Alexander, N. Y., Nov. 14, 1870; m., Sept. 6, 1893, J. Holland Rudd, son of O. B. Rudd of Clion, N. Y. They have (a) Joseph H., b. Nov. 20, 1894. (b) Elizabeth B., b. Attica, Sept. 21, 1873. (c) Burley, b. Attica, May 17, 1876. (d) James A., b. Attica, Nov. 22, 1880.

11. Benjamin Franklin, b. June 18, 1823; never married. Enlisted in the Civil War from California, and d. at the Soldiers' Home, Hampton, Va., July 29, 1893.

SHEPARD, JESSE.—The pioneer settler on the Frank W. Todd place was Jesse Shepard, second son of Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard. Jesse was b. in Dedham, Mass., Nov. 12, 1769, and was about 20 years of age when his father moved to N. L. Feb. 3, 1793, he m. Hannah, dau. of Laban and Hannah (Heath) Paige of Dunbarton, b. Dec. 28, 1770. Hannah (Paige) Shepard had two sisters who m. into N. L. families,—Mary, wife of Greene French (then of Sutton), and Sally, first wife of Ezekiel Sargent. Jesse shared the family influence in town matters, and was a member of the church. His oldest dau., Roxana, went to live with her aunt Stead in Albany, N. Y., and there m. a young English Methodist minister. One evening, while visiting her old home in N. L., her father took the young man to make a call upon a neighbor. They entered into a lively conversation, when the father said, "Where do you get so much information?" "From the papers," said 'Squire Woodbury. "Then I shall have papers for my boys," said Mr. Shepard. Forthwith papers were subscribed for, including the "Missionary Herald," then in its infancy. Hannah (Paige) Shepard d. Feb. 25, 1813, aged 43, and Jesse m. (2) Mrs. Hannah Pattee, mother of Daniel Pattee, who was living on the Fred Fowler place. Jesse d. April 14, 1824, having been spared to see his children grow up to honorable manhood and womanhood and settled in homes of their own. His widow m. Adams Morrill of Warner, March 22, 1825. The children of Jesse and Hannah (Paige) Shepard were,—

1. Paige, b. March 13, 1795; d. in early manhood.
2. Roxana W., b. March 20, 1797; m., Oct. 26, 1819, Thomas S. Barrett of New York, b. May 31, 1794. He was a physician and Methodist preacher, and res. in New York city,

where he d. Dec. 1, 1853; Roxana d. March 4, 1873.
Children:

- (1). Aurelia S., b. Sept. 3, 1820; d. June 4, 1845.
 - (2). Hannah R., b. Feb. 4, 1822; m. William Ryer of New York, b. Oct. 13, 1817. He d. Dec. 21, 1870; she d. Dec. 18, 1887. They had one child, who d. young.
 - (3). Mary R., b. May 28, 1826; m., Nov. 18, 1846, Edward K. Sutton of New York. Children: (a) Clara B., b. April 24, 1848; m., Oct. 21, 1870, Charles A. Macy, and res. in New York. (b) Henry K., b. Oct. 31, 1849; m., June 21, 1881, Mary J. Coulson, and res. in London, Eng. They have one child, (a) Estelle C. (c) Mary Louise, b. May 22, 1853; d. Sept. 25, 1854.
 - (4). H. Elizabeth, m. Charles Wright of New York, who d. in 1882; Elizabeth d. in 1880. Children: (a) Jennie S., b. April 14, 1862; d. July, 1862. (b) Frank E., b. Feb. 16, 1864; d. April 29, 1875. (c) Estelle R., b. July 27, 1865; m., March 2, 1886, Charles L. Camman, Jr., of New York. (d) Charles, b. Jan. 31, 1868.
 - (5). Susannah, m. Samuel Mackrell of New York. Children: (a) Cora W., b. Feb. 21, 1856; d. Jan. 15, 1890. (b) Eva L., b. June 17, 1860.
3. Harriet, b. Dec. 30, 1798; m., Dec. 30, 1817, Levi Fowler of Sutton, b. Nov. 20, 1793, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Stevens) Fowler. Levi was a farmer, and res. in Sutton, where he d. Sept. 18, 1860; Harriet d. June 21, 1863.
Children:
- (1). Hannah S., b. Nov. 12, 1818; d. Oct. 6, 1850.
 - (2). George S., b. May 20, 1821; m. (1) Maria Hildreth of Henniker, who d. in July, 1879; had one child (a) Harriet E., b. March 8, 1850. George S. m. (2), July, 1880, Katie Moore of Wilton, where he now res.
 - (3). Charles A., b. Jan. 15, 1823; res. in Sutton; m. (1), Dec. 2, 1850, Catherine L. Harvey, of Jeffersonville, Vt., b. Jan. 23, 1823. Children: (a) Mary Esther, b. June 28, 1854; d. June 9, 1871. (b) Katie, b. March 4, 1856; m., Jan. 7, 1883, Job Cross, son of William Cross of Goshen, and res. in N. L. (c) Charles L., b. April 5, 1858; m., Nov. 23, 1881, Maria S., daughter of William Coburn of Sutton, and res. in Antrim. Catherine (Harvey) Fowler d. Feb. 27, 1872, and Charles A. m. (2) Mrs. Eliza (Nelson) Hart of Sutton. He was a successful farmer, and his farm, on the main road from N. L. to



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Sutton and just across the N. L. line, was one of the best in town. He was master of the Sutton grange several terms, and d. January, 1896.

- (4). J. Wesley, b. Nov. 9, 1826; d. June 30, 1858.
- (5). A daughter, b. Nov. 9, 1828; d. Dec. 10, 1828.
- (6). Marietta R., b. Sept. 8, 1836; m., May 9, 1867, Charles Holmes of Georgetown, Mass. Children: (a) Helen A., b. March 31, 1870; (b) Howard F., b. March 5, 1871; (c) C. Atherton, b. Oct. 6, 1873; (d) Alice M., b. Feb. 15, 1881; drowned December, 1895.
- (7). Harriet A., b. Sept. 26, 1839; m., April 24, 1863, William W. French of Enfield; d. June 21, 1863. Children: (a) Sherman B., b. July 22, 1864; m., July 7, 1887, Emma B. Lewis of Boston, and res. in Enfield; (b) Arthur L., b. Sept. 30, 1866; d. Jan. 28, 1887.
- (8). Ann Elizabeth, b. Jan. 12, 1843; d. March 17, 1845.
4. Moses, elder of twins, b. Jan. 18, 1802; m. Phœbe Dow of Dunbarton, b. Dec. 7, 1802. The mild, black-haired Moses (Aaron's hair was red) pined for the wilds of Maine, where finally he settled. He longed to preach the Gospel in its simplicity, which he did for a number of years. A friend once said to him, "I suppose you do not get much for preaching?" He replied, "It is worth half to hear." Moses res. in Bangor, Me., where he d. June 6, 1860; Phœbe d. 1874. Children:
 - (1). Hannah, b. Sept. 15, 1824; m., Dec. 5, 1844, Benjamin Ham, and res. in Bangor. They have eight children.
 - (2). Mary P., b. Oct. 10, 1826; m., Dec. 3, 1846, James E. Emerson, and res. in Bangor. They have seven daughters and one son.
 - (3). Henrietta D., b. Oct. 10, 1828; m., Dec. 2, 1845, Rev. Hiram Skillin, and res. in Bangor. Five children.
 - (4). Aurelia, b. Nov. 21, 1830; m., Sept. 17, 1855, S. F. Smith; present residence, Winneconne, Wis. Three children.
 - (5). Phebe A., b. March 13, 1833; m., 1854, Edwin Drew, and res. in Bangor. Four children.
 - (6). Jesse Turner, b. 1835; d. 1837.
 - (7). Elizabeth, b. April 22, 1837; m. Chandler Ratcliff. Three children.
 - (8). Theresa, b. July 11, 1842; m. T. J. Thomson of New York city. Two children.
5. Aaron, younger of twins, b. Jan. 18, 1802; m., Oct. 4, 1825, Sarah H. Tenney of Hopkinton, b. Aug. 25, 1805. Aaron

was sent to the academy in Hopkinton, where he met with Miss Sarah Tenney; and after returning to his home, he still felt a desire to visit the place frequently. His brother Moses had attractions in Dunbarton (Miss Phœbe Dow), so on Saturday the young men would set off in a chaise, to return on Monday. Dunbarton being the more distant point, Phœbe's father had to "put up the horse." After his marriage, farming not being congenial to Aaron, he went to Catskill, N. Y., where he engaged in mercantile pursuits. His three daughters were successful teachers in New York for a number of years. Aaron d. May 30, 1873; Sarah d. Aug. 27, 1889. Children:

- (1). Henrietta C., b. July 9, 1826; m. Isaac Charlock of New York. Children: (a) Sarah Louise, b. May 29, 1854; d. Sept. 21, 1879. (b) Marie Ella, b. Feb. 22, 1856; m., 1876, Elwyn Weld, and res. in New York. They have (a) Clarence W. (c) Annie Maria, b. Jan. 19, 1860; d. Jan. 20, 1864.
- (2). Mary T., b. Feb. 10, 1834; m., 1861, George W. Kiersted. Children: (a) Edna H., b. March 21, 1862. (b) H. Howard, b. Sept. 30, 1864; m. Minnie Timbrook, and res. in New York. Children: (a) Hazel, b. Sept. 8, 1888; (b) Chester Howard, b. Aug. 1, 1890.
- (3). Emily A., b. May 22, 1842.
- (4). Edwin Jesse, b. Sept. 29, 1846; d. March 21, 1852.
6. Betsey P., b. Dec. 11, 1803; m., May 9, 1820, Isaac Mastin, Jr., of Sutton, b. Nov. 26, 1795, and res. in Sutton. Isaac d. at Sutton, in 1871; Betsey d. at Boston, March 29, 1875. Children:
 - (1). Roxana S., b. Aug. 25, 1821; m. Jacob Edson of Boston. Children: (a) H. Aurelia, b. Aug. 28, 1845; m. Charles Perkins, and res. in Boston. They have,—(a) Frank, (b) Helen. (b) Arthur Winslow, b. 1864; d. 1868.
 - (2). Harriet E., b. July 26, 1825; m. Alexander Carlton of Boston, who d. in 1876. Children: (a) Henrietta F. (b) Mary E., m. G. F. Sawyer, and res. in Boston. They have,—(a) George T., (b) Ernest A., (c) Herbert A., (d) Grace M., (e) A. Chester, (f) Mabel F. (c) Anna L., m. W. H. Carey; has two children living and two deceased.
 - (3). John S., b. Dec. 11, 1828; deceased.
7. Aurelia, d. in infancy.

SHEPARD, DEA. JONAS.—In 1800 Jonas Shepard of Newton, Mass., occupied the James Minot place (now "Willow Farm")



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in the West Part. Later he lived at the old orchard on the James P. Dixon farm, where he built a house on the site formerly occupied by Ebenezer Shepard, Jr. The late Henry R. Gates remembered distinctly how at that house Deacon Shepard kept time with an hour-glass. April 3, 1812, Jonas was made a deacon of the Baptist church, and served in that capacity till his death, May 9, 1825, aged 55 years. His widow, Eunice, m. (2), Dec. 28, 1826, Joseph Messer, the pioneer settler on Morgan hill (his second wife). Eunice d. Feb. 16, 1841, aged 71 years. Jonas was the son of Jonathan Shepard.

SHEPARD, JONATHAN.—Jonathan Shepard, father of Jonas, also res. in the West Part in 1800, but seems to have had two or three different locations. His first wife d. Aug. 26, 1808, and he m. (2) Mrs. Mary (Gile) Abbot, widow of Stephen Abbot. Jonathan Shepard and his daughter Susanna united with the church May 10, 1795, having presented letters from the church at Newton, Mass. Susanna m., Jan. 5, 1796, Amasa, son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, b. March 6, 1770, and res. in N. L. The Martha Shepard who m. Ebenezer Haseltine, Sept. 6, 1792, was not of the Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard family, and was probably a daughter of Jonathan. Jonathan Shepard and his wife Mary were granted letters to the Baptist church of Lebanon and Enfield in 1817.

SLACK, JOHN.—Among the numerous families who removed from Attleboro, Mass., to N. L., was that of John Slack. His wife, whom he m. Dec. 13, 1781, was Betty Ide, dau. of John Ide, who also came from Attleboro. His first location was on the present Austin Morgan place at Low Plain. Later he exchanged clearings with Dea. Zebedee Hayes, and res. for a time on the Daniel S. Seamans farm, in a house which stood northwest of Mr. Seamans's residence, but soon after 1800 removed to Lunenburgh, Vt. His son John H. was the first college graduate from N. L. John Slack had at least three sisters: Hannah, m. Penuel Everett, Jan. 16, 1783; Mindwell, m. James Mills of Lunenburgh, Vt., Feb. 7, 1796; Molly, res. at Josiah Brown's and d. Nov. 30, 1818, aged 67 years. Children of John and Betty (Ide) Slack:

1. Zerviah, b. Oct. 9, 1782; d. Dec. 7, 1783.
2. Molly, b. Oct. 27, 1784; d. March 6, 1785.
3. Nabby, b. Dec. 18, 1785; d. Nov. 16, 1786.

4. Betsey, b. March 31, 1787; m., Feb. 28, 1805, Spencer Clark, and res. in N. L.
5. John H., b. June 6, 1789; graduated from Dartmouth college in 1811, and res. in N. L.; read law, and practised some; m. Lydia Hastings (sister of Hiram). Removed to Andover about 1817.
6. Comfort, b. April 25, 1796; d. May 1, 1796.
7. Manley Gates, b. July 25, 1797; d. Feb. 3, 1815.
8. Armasinda, b. Jan. 25, 1799; m., May 4, 1819, Enoch Turrill of Andover, and res. in Lunenburg, Vt.

SMITH, DAVID.—David Smith, a soldier of the Revolution, whose marriage intention with Catharine, oldest dau. of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (McCordy) Shepard, b. Dedham, Mass., June 4, 1763, was published April 20, 1782, came to N. L. from Dedham, Mass., with his father-in-law about 1790, and settled at Low Plain, on the farm afterwards occupied and still owned by Austin Morgan. He had a blacksmith shop opposite the house, and being both blacksmith and veterinary was more familiarly known as "Doctor" Smith. He was a highly respected citizen, held several town offices, and was a member of the church, baptized by Elder Seamans, July 12, 1794. David d. about 1825. The children of David and Catharine (Shepard) Smith were,—

1. Catharine, b. Dedham, March 15, 1783; m., Sept. 23, 1802, Jacob, son of Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer, and res. in N. L.
2. Hannah, b. (presumably at N. L.) April 21, 1785; m., May 22, 1804, Joel, son of Joel and Dillah (Delia) Fletcher, b. Bumfield, Mass., March 22, 1784, and res. in N. L.
3. David, b. April 2, 1787.
4. Artemis, b. Jan. 11, 1789.
5. Paine, b. July 28, 1791; is perhaps the Caleb P. Smith of N. L. who m. Eliza Ann George of Franklin in November, 1836.
6. Rebekah, b. April 26, 1793.
7. Jason, b. Feb. 2, 1795; d. Feb. 26, 1816.
8. Nathaniel, b. April 12, 1797; went to Portsmouth in Capt. Silas Call's company in the War of 1812, and was "of Sutton" Jan. 29, 1823, when he m. Betsey, dau. of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick, b. March 12, 1800.
9. Ira, b. Jan. 16, 1799; m., June 27, 1822, Amanda, dau. of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow, b. Sept. 21, 1798, and res. in N. L. on the home place.
10. Matilda, b. Sept. 13, 1801.
11. Cynthia, b. July 29, 1803.

STEVENS, NATHANIEL. This signer of the petition for incorporation, dated Jan. 22, 1779, resided probably near the Newbury line. There is no mention of him on the town records.

STINSON, JOHN.—The first settler on the hillside northeast of Gay corner (where Benjamin Emory Burpee lived at a later date) was John Stinson, who with his wife and five children came to N. L. from Dunbarton in 1799, and located on the farm where he lived, died, and was buried. The Stinsons have been represented in N. L. by sons and grandsons (or their widows) until within a few years. John d. May 26, 1812, aged 55 years; Nancy d. May 3, 1834, aged 74 years. Their children were,—

1. James, b. Hillsborough, Aug. 30, 1789; m. Sarah, dau. of Rev. Robert Dickey of Wilmot, and res. in N. L.
2. Margaret, b. Dunbarton, Sept. 24, 1791; m., Dec. 17, 1812, Hezekiah, son of John and Molly (Brocklebank) Adams, b. June 20, 1786, and res. in N. L.
3. Jane, b. Nov. 2, 1793; m., Oct. 29, 1815, Joseph Kimball, and res. in N. L.
4. William, b. May 26, 1796; m. Miss Dickey, and res. in Wilmot.
5. Nancy, b. Aug. 20, 1798; m., May 11, 1820, Cyrus, son of Moses and Dolly (Perley) Adams, b. July 7, 1795, and res. in Grafton.
6. Betsey, b. N. L., Feb. 21, 1802; m., Dec. 29, 1819, Moses, son of Moses and Dolly (Perley) Adams, b. Aug. 22, 1792, and res. in N. L.

STRAW, BENJAMIN.—Benjamin Straw, who was the successor of Capt. Amasa Sargent on the Ransom F. Sargent place, occupied it about sixteen years, when he sold to Gideon Wilkins and removed to the West. His father was Moses Straw, who with his mother was living with him in April, 1800, when Mrs. Straw d. His wife was Ruth Hutchins, b. Jan. 17, 1775, dau. of Lieut. William and Abigail (Flood) Hutchins. Children :

1. Hannah Harvey, b. Sept. 21, 1800.
2. Alva, b. June 9, 1803.
3. Oriel, b. March 7, 1805.
4. Olive, b. Sept. 5, 1807.
5. Benning Smart, b. June 20, 1814.

TRUSSELL, JOSEPH.—Joseph Trussell, a nephew of Moses, the pioneer of 1774, was the first of that name to become a

permanent settler. He was the son of John Trussell of Hopkinton, and was b. January, 1769. Joseph came to N. L. in 1798, and Nov. 3 bought of Nathaniel Fales parts of the original farms of Ebenezer Hunting and John Lyon, 91 acres in all, for \$600. He settled at or near the site of the log cabin built by Hunting, and there built the frame house which remained in the possession of his descendants until the decease of his son John, April 1, 1883. His first wife was Anna Hooker, who d. Dec. 3, 1813; and Joseph m. (2) Miriam, dau. of Philip and Hannah (Hadley) Sargent of Sutton. Joseph d. April 18, 1816; Miriam d. April 1, 1860, aged 78 years. Children of Joseph and Anna (Hooker) Trussell:

1. Lois, b. Feb. 28, 1800; m., Sept. 2, 1824, Wesley P., son of Jeremiah and Betsey (Blake) Burpee, b. Dec. 13, 1801; res. in N. L.
2. John, b. June 22, 1802; never m.; d. April 1, 1883.
3. Priscilla, b. March 28, 1804; m. Daniel Atwood, Jr., of Pelham, and res. there.
4. Joseph, b. Feb. 1, 1811; m. Feb. 26, 1840, Helen Mar, dau. of Samuel and Martha (Sargent) Kezar of Sutton, b. April 14, 1816, and res. in N. L.

TRUSSELL, MOSES.—The man who made the first clearing in what is now the town of N. L. deserves mention in the first period of its history, although he did not become a permanent resident until a quarter-century later than the date of incorporation. Through Moses' youngest son, Luther Montgomery Trussell, the data concerning the origin and descent of the Trussells was preserved in the family register, and was made available through the courtesy of Rev. William F. Trussell of Dodge Centre, Minn., grandson of Ezekiel Knowlton Trussell, an older brother of Luther. The earliest known ancestor was Henry Trussell of Liverpool, Eng., master of a ship trading with the American colonies. His son Henry, b. at Liverpool about 1670, m., in 1691, Hannah Wade; was a farmer and sailor; and res. at Haverhill, Mass. The youngest of their five children was Moses, b. 1703; who m., in 1740, Jane Mills, and res. in Plaistow. Moses, b. Sept. 14, 1753, was the youngest of their seven children, and when he was but four years old his father d.; but the family continued to reside on the farm until 1770, with the exception of the oldest son, John

(father of Joseph of N. L.), who had m. and was then living in Hopkinton.

Early in 1774, Moses with two companions set out from Hopkinton for Heidleburg, then without a single inhabitant, and felled trees four weeks on land in the West district, now [1860] owned by Monroe and Charles Jewett. [This latter statement differs somewhat from the commonly accepted version of the Trussell venture, which is given on *p.* 8, but its authority entitles it to careful consideration at the least.] The cleared land was planted to corn, and the young explorers went on to Claremont, intending to locate farms there. Moses did so, but the others decided to look farther. When Moses on his return visited his Heidleburg clearing he found his crop had been harvested by the wild animals.

At the time of the battle of Concord and Lexington, in April, 1775, Moses was in Hopkinton, and on hearing the news of the battle and the call to arms at once sought his brother John. They soon decided that one of them should enter the army, and Moses quickly settled the question of which one should go by saying,—“You have a family: I have not. If I should fall it would not be so serious a loss as it would should the same happen to you. I have no gun: give me your gun, and I will go!” He enlisted in Captain Baldwin’s company, Colonel Stark’s regiment, and joined the army at Mystic on the 17th of June. He fought behind the famous “rail fence” at Bunker hill, and not hearing the order to retreat was the last man to leave the fence, and although hotly pursued escaped unhurt. After crossing the “neck” it was ascertained that Captain Baldwin was wounded and missing, and Moses and two companions volunteered to search for him. It was in this perilous venture that his left arm was taken off by a cannon ball. He sat down on a log, had his arm dressed, then picked up his brother’s gun and again crossed the “neck.” After a few weeks in the hospital at Mystic, where he was cared for by his mother, he returned home with her. John Trussell’s gun, which Moses used at Bunker hill, is a treasured family heirloom, now in the possession of Rev. William F. Trussell.

Giving up the idea of farming, he began to attend school at Atkinson academy, and later making the acquaintance of Rev.

Elijah Fletcher [father of Grace Fletcher, the first wife of Daniel Webster] of Hopkinton, accepted his generous offer of assistance in obtaining an education so far as to make his home in the Fletcher family while pursuing his own studies in the intervals of teaching school. Dec. 18, 1786, he was m. to Sarah Knowlton, b. Manchester, Mass., April 15, 1763, dau. of Ezekiel and Elizabeth (Woodbury) Knowlton, the ceremony being performed by Mr. Fletcher. [Sarah (Knowlton) Trussell was a sister of two of the N. L. pioneers, Ezekiel and Robert Knowlton.] Moses' preference for farming was so decided that, as his health had by this time become established, he purchased a small farm in Dunbarton; and res. there and in the east end of Hopkinton until March 17, 1804, when he removed to N. L. He was granted a government pension in 1786, and was admitted to full pay (\$96 per annum) in 1821. He was a hard-working man all his life; never used spirit or cider as a beverage; had no sickness until he was 80, and after recovering from that, until his last illness seized him he never failed of a few hours' labor in the open air on each working day. Two days before his death he came in, complaining of cold and weakness; a nameless fever attacked him, and he fell asleep in Jesus, March 13, 1843. In stature he was five feet, eleven inches, thin of flesh, with light complexion, blue eyes and brown hair, which curled on his neck and in old age was white as the driven snow. His wife, Sarah (Knowlton) Trussell, d. April 20, 1841. Children:

1. Moses, b. Dunbarton, Aug. 25, 1788; d. Dec. 11, 1789.
2. Sarah, b. March 24, 1790; d. N. L., Oct. 1, 1855.
3. Ezekiel Knowlton, b. Hopkinton, Sept. 27, 1795; m., Feb. 9, 1825, Emily Colburn, and res. in N. L.
4. Luther Montgomery, b. November, 1802; m., Oct. 14, 1849, Eliza Story, and res. in N. L.

WHITTIER, ABNER.—Francis Whittier and his sons Daniel and Francis were among the early settlers of Sutton, and Abner Whittier, who was in N. L. soon after 1780, was probably a connection of the elder Francis. They were all industrious, respectable citizens, and their numerous descendants inherited the characteristics of their forefathers. Abner Whittier was the son of Abner and Elizabeth (Dow) Whittier of Amesbury, and of the fifth generation from Thomas and Ruth

(Green) Whittier of Haverhill, Mass., who were very early emigrants. Abner was b. Sept. 18, 1757; m., Jan. 11, 1783, Nabby (Abigail), dau. of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent, b. January, 1761, and took up his abode on the present David Baldwin farm on Pleasant street. He very early built the house which to-day forms a part of Mr. Baldwin's dwelling, and in which Elder Seamans held a "preaching service" in 1789. Abigail (Sargent) Whittier d. soon after the birth of her second child, and Abner m. (2) her sister Judith, b. November, 1764. Abner d. Dec. 24, 1828, aged 71 years; Judith d. Feb. 11, 1841, aged 76 years. The children of Abner Whittier were,—

1. Ruth, b. July 1, 1784; never m., but lived in N. L. with her father, brother Stephen, and uncle Stephen Sargent (son of Peter). She d. in the house now owned by Joseph H. Messer, Aug. 23, 1845.
2. Osgood, b. March 16, 1787; m. Sally, dau. of Jonathan and Lucy (Parker) Davis of Sutton, b. April 5, 1797, and res. in N. L.
3. Phinehas, b. Aug. 27, 1789; m., Jan. 7, 1813, Sally P., dau. of Samuel and Sally (Peaslee) Andrew of Sutton, b. Sept. 1, 1794, and res. in that town; was a man of great physical endurance, and was with Col. Stephen H. Long when he made his famous exploring tour of the Rocky Mountains in 1816. He d. in Lowell, Mass., July 10, 1854. Children:
 - (1). Alden P., b. Sept. 29, 1814; m., Dec. 30, 1840, Ruth, dau. of Osgood and Sally (Davis) Whittier, b. May 14, 1823, and res. in Sutton. Children: (a) Elbridge G. d. in service, Sept. 17, 1863; (b) Alvah; (c) Mary J., m. Frank B. Sargent and had (a) Edith, (b) Agnes; (d) Ellen S., m. Josiah C. Hardy and had (a) Alice M., (b) Arthur J., (c) Ada C.
 - (2). Judith S., b. June 24, 1817.
 - (3). Achsah D., b. Jan. 22, 1820.
 - (4). Samuel A., b. Sept. 21, 1822; m., Aug. 1, 1848, Sarah J. Heath of Cabot, Me.
 - (5). Cyrus, b. Aug. 3, 1824.
 - (6). Phinehas, b. March 10, 1827.
 - (7). Nancy, b. Dec. 4, 1829; m., November, 1846, Capt. Samuel Rowell of Sutton. Children: (a) Achsah J., b. August, 1848; m. Reuben Dickey; d. May 9, 1872; child (a) Enola. (b) Henry A., b. Aug. 21, 1850. (c) Charles E., b. June 5, 1852; m., and had (a) Maud, (b)

- Mabel. (d) Grace A., b. Sept. 8, 1854; m. (1) Reuben Dickey, and had (a) Reuben E.; m. (2), June 22, 1875, Herbert B., son of Stephen and Sarah (Cheney) Swett, b. Wilmot, Oct. 7, 1853, and res. in N. L. (e) Emma V., b. March 23, 1858; m. William Hardisty, and had (a) Isabel, (b) Lillie E. (f) Cora D., b. Nov. 26, 1861; m. Fred Adams. (g) Selina M., b. April 2, 1864; m., Oct. 9, 1886, Byron E. Perkins. (h) Clinton C., b. Nov. 20, 1867.
4. Cynthia, b. Dec. 13, 1790; m., Sept. 24, 1812, Dea. Josiah Nichols of Sutton, who d. April 1, 1869; Cynthia d. May 27, 1845. Children:
- (1). William Carey, b. Jan. 6, 1816; m. Maria Baldwin. Children: (a) Harriet, m. Jerome Dunn, and had (a) Lillian, b. June, 1861, d. March 9, 1883; (b) Enoch, m. Sarah Kibbey.
 - (2). Lois H., b. April 30, 1818; m. John C., son of Ezekiel and Dolly (Chellis) Little of Sutton, b. March 16, 1817 (his second wife). Two daus. of John C. Little by his first wife, Mary Ann Baker of New Boston, m. into N. L. families: Emma Emily, b. Jan. 20, 1854; m., Nov. 27, 1878, Frank W., son of Nathaniel C. and Caroline (Chadwick) Knowlton, b. May 5, 1855. Mary Ann, b. April 9, 1861; m., Sept. 2, 1876, Henry E., son of Timothy H., and Eliza (Davis) Quimby, b. June 26, 1852.
 - (3). Ruth W., b. July 4, 1819; m., 1851, Ebenezer S., son of Joseph and Anna (Sargent) Putney of N. L., b. Aug. 20, 1822, and res. in N. L.
5. Abigail, b. Nov. 12, 1793; m. Eliphalet, son of Capt. Eliphalet and Anna (Wadleigh) Gay, b. Dec. 8, 1787, and res. in N. L.
6. William, b. May 19, 1795; m. Polly, dau. of Rev. Robert Dickey of Wilmot, and res. in Wilmot and N. L.
7. Abner, b. July 28, 1797; d. September, 1797.
8. Stephen, b. Aug. 3, 1799; m. Almira, dau. of Rev. Robert Dickey of Wilmot, and res. in N. L.
9. Judith, b. Jan. 12, 1802; m. Capt. Stephen Davis, and res. in N. L.

WHITTIER, THOMAS.—At the town meeting held Feb. 22, 1780, Thomas Whitier was chosen swine driver. He probably is the pioneer who made the clearing and built the log house on the Stephen Dean farm, afterwards occupied by Lieut. Joseph Colby, but on this question no direct evidence, documentary or traditional, has been discovered. Certain circum-

stances and an agreement of dates indicate it, however. That he was chosen to a town office as stated above is all that is known of him personally; of his family and antecedents there is no inkling, except the appearance of Abner Whittier in the same locality about 1789. Thomas and Abner may have been brothers. In 1798 Thomas Whittier of Newport attended a church council in N. L., and it is quite probable that he was identical with the one mentioned above.

WOODBURY, LIEUT. BENJAMIN.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, who with his family became a resident of the town previous to 1790, was a reputed descendant of the William Woodbury who came from Wales to Beverly, Mass., in 1628. This William had a son of the same name, who piloted one of the vessels in the expedition against Port Royal in 1704. Lieutenant Woodbury succeeded Ensign Nathaniel Everett, the pioneer settler on the Crockett farm, where he kept a tavern, and in a way was headquarters for the transaction of public business. In fact, no man, during the decade from 1790 to 1800, held so many offices as did Lieutenant Woodbury. He was a justice of the peace, and very many of the early real-estate conveyances were acknowledged by him. In 1802 he removed to the house on Summer street known as the "old George Williams place," leaving his sons Daniel and Jonathan on the homestead. At the time of his death, April 20, 1809, he was 58 years of age. Elder Seamañs, who attended his funeral, makes the following note concerning the occasion and the man:

"I think there were the most people together that I ever saw
"in our meeting-house upon the Lord's day, and it was a very
"solemn, affectionate time. After the public exercise was
"over, the Corps was carried out at the door, and viewed.
"Then the brethren of the chh. were drawn up two deep, in a
"circle upon one side of the coffin, and sisters, in the same
"forme, upon the other; and the rest of the people, the men in
"a great circle round the brethren and the women round the
"sisters. Then proceeded into the grave yard (a very long
"procession) and formed round the grave in the same order,
"and deposited all that remained of dear brother Woodbury in
"the silent grave: there to sleep until the resurrection of the
"just. I esteemed brother Woodbury as a pillar in this church.
"He made a credible profession in the reformation in 1793,

“and has lived in a good measure according to it. He appeared in his last short illness to be steadfast in the faith, comfortably assured of his interest in Christ, and died in hope. *Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.* He was an honest, industrious man : and in that way acquired a good property.”

Lieutenant Woodbury and his wife, Zillah, who m. (2), June 2, 1814, Jonathan Pillsbury of Candia, had the following children :

1. Zillah, b. Sept. 28, 1774; m., May 13, 1793, Seth, son of Ephraim and Lois Gay, b. Attleboro, Mass., in 1771, and res. in N. L.
2. Jonathan, b. July 23, 1776; m., Sept. 19, 1799, Lois, dau. of Elder Job and Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans, b. April 2, 1779, and res. in N. L.
3. Daniel, b. June 15, 1778; m., Oct. 8, 1801, Rhapsima Messenger, and res. in N. L.
4. Phineas, b. Nov. 21, 1780; was appointed U. S. engineer in 1813; d. March 12, 1817, at Haverhill, Mass., as he was journeying to N. L., ill with tuberculosis. He was buried at Haverhill, West Parish, under Masonic auspices.
5. Olive, b. Jan. 11, 1783; m., Nov. 19, 1807, Job, son of Elder Job and Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans, b. Feb. 11, 1781, and res. in N. L.
6. Manley G., b. July 13, 1785; m., about 1807, Eliza., dau. of Capt. John and Molly Woodman, and removed to Massachusetts.
7. Dillah (Delia), b. Aug. 13, 1787; m., April 10, 1808, Joseph Pike of Sutton, son of Lieut. Thomas and Phebe (Brocklebank) Pike of N. L.; res. in North Sutton.
8. Roxana, b. March 27, 1790; m. Benjamin Chase, a student of Dartmouth college, who taught school in N. L. during a vacation from his college duties. They res. in New Orleans, where Roxana d.
9. Benjamin, b. Aug. 13, 1792; m. Miss Pettengill of Salisbury; became a Congregational clergyman; had pastorates in New England, and then removed to Ohio.

WOODMAN, CAPT. JOHN.—About the year 1795 there came to N. L. Capt. John Woodman, a man who became more than ordinarily influential in town affairs. In his house, which stood south of the old meeting-house, was established the first store. Here he did business for a number of years, first with his partner, James Mcfarland, later alone, and was finally

succeeded by his son, Benjamin Emory Woodman. Captain Woodman also acquired a considerable interest in real estate. He was a prominent Mason, and some of the earliest meetings of the Masonic lodge were held at his house, where he, in addition to the store, kept a public "tavern" for the accommodation of travellers. This building was burned during the Woodmans' occupancy. Captain Woodman also built the hip-roofed house on the opposite side of the road, which was later owned and occupied by Samuel Greenwood. His wife, Polly Woodman, d. July 14, 1852, aged 87 years. Children :

1. Benjamin Emory, m. Mary —, and res. in N. L.
2. Mary, m., July 8, 1810, Thomas, son of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee, b. Rowley, Mass., Dec. 13, 1782, and res. in N. L.
3. Eliza, m., about 1807, Manley G., son of Lieut. Benjamin and Zillah Woodbury, b. July 13, 1785, and removed to Massachusetts.

WOODWARD, ELIPHALET.—Two Woodward brothers, Eliphalet and Stephen, came to Sutton before 1787, and settled in the northwest part of that town. In 1798 Eliphalet came to N. L., and seems to have located first near where Henry Quimby now lives, but finally bought of Benjamin Bunker the Hiram Sargent farm at the northerly end of Lake Pleasant, where he lived till his decease, Feb. 23, 1826. Miss Tamar Woodward, perhaps a sister of Eliphalet, d. in N. L., Nov. 17, 1853, aged 84 years. Eliphalet was b., May 28, 1758, at Haverhill, Mass. He m. Martha Gage, b. at Pelham, July 11, 1758. They res. first at Atkinson, then Haverhill, Mass., then Plaistow, then Sutton. "At these several places they became parents of children, who in their mature years stamped their own high character and that of their parents on their many descendants, who have lived in N. L., some of them, to the present day. The characteristics of parents and children were, as one who knew them well has said, "honesty, integrity, and capability." Eliphalet Woodward served in the Revolutionary war. Martha (Gage) Woodward d. Sept. 29, 1847. Children :

1. Joseph, b. Atkinson, Dec. 19, 1780; m., Oct. 24, 1805, Polly, dau. of John and Molly (Pingree) Dole, b. March 9, 1785, and res. in Sutton and N. L.
2. Abigail, b. Haverhill, Mass., Nov. 30, 1782; m. Cyrus Taylor, and moved to Ohio, where she d. March 25, 1873.
3. Eliphalet, b. Plaistow, Nov. 29, 1784; d. May 8, 1807.

4. Ednah, b. Sutton, March 20, 1787; m., about 1808, Nathaniel, son of Benjamin and Betsey (Daniels) Bunker, b. Dec. 2, 1789, and res. in N. L.
5. James, b. March 3, 1789; m., Dec. 8, 1814, Dolly, dau. of John and Molly (Pingree) Dole, b. Oct. 22, 1793, and res. in N. L.
6. Daniel, b. March 24, 1791; d. March 31, 1791.
7. Amos, b. May 31, 1792; m. Sylvia, dau. of Capt. Amasa and Susanna (Shepard) Sargent, b. Nov. 24, 1796, and moved to Hanover; d. Dec. 19, 1873.
8. Rhoda, b. Feb. 6, 1794; d. Feb. 17, 1794.
9. John K., b. July 9, 1795; m. Aug. 8, 1820, Mehitabel K., dau. of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent, b. March 14, 1801, and res. in N. L.
10. Isaac, b. March 15, 1797; m., Feb. 6, 1827, Hannah K., dau. of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent, b. Oct. 28, 1802, and res. in N. L.
11. Mary E., b. N. L., March 27, 1799; m., Oct. 12, 1819, Stephen, son of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent, b. Sept. 20, 1796, and res. in N. L.

WRIGHT, JOSHUA.—The only light which the town records throw upon the history of Joshua Wright, who signed the petition for a coroner in 1794, is that his taxes for that same year were abated, but the "History of Sutton," Vol. II, p. 1019, says that he and his wife, Molly (Chadwick) Wright, came from Enfield, and after living for some years in N. L., where their children were born, removed to Sutton, where they both d.,—Molly on Feb. 3, 1811. Children:

1. Hannah, b. Nov. 16, 1792; m., April 23, 1820, Isaac, son of Jesse and Hannah (Blaisdell) Fellows of Sutton, b. May 17, 1791, and had five children; d. Nov. 15, 1855.
2. Sally, b. April 25, 1794; d. Feb. 24, 1796.
3. John, b. Nov. 22, 1795; m., July 26, 1827, Belinda, sister of Isaac Fellows above, b. Dec. 7, 1807, and had eight children; d. Feb. 25, 1872.
4. Lydia, b. May 22, 1798; d. Feb. 18, 1877.
5. Betsey, b. April 27, 1800; m., Nov. 9, 1820, Nathaniel Flanders of Hopkinton.
6. Joshua, b. Aug. 27, 1802; m. Emily West of Bradford, and had nine children.
7. James, b. April 28, 1804; d. April 14, 1868.
8. Zadock, b. Oct. 4, 1806; d. Oct. 12, 1882.
9. Susanna, b. Oct. 2, 1809; d. July 17, 1872.

CHAPTER V.

SECOND HISTORICAL PERIOD—NEW INSTITUTIONS—SCHOOL-DISTRICTS AND SCHOOLHOUSES—TIME-WORN RECEIPTS—EARLY TEACHERS—SOLDIERS OF 1812—CHURCH MATTERS—TERRITORIAL CHANGES—TOWN POOR—MISCELLANEOUS NOTES—“NEW LONDON JACOBINISM UNVEILED”—POVERTY YEAR, 1816—THE GREAT WHIRLWIND OF 1821—INVOICE SUMMARY—TOWN OFFICIALS, 1801-1825.

A careful study of the records during the second period of the town's history,—from 1801 to 1825 inclusive—brings to light no startling innovations, but rather the indications of a steady, healthful growth along social, educational, and business lines. The fathers of the town met year after year in solemn conclave, elected officers, appropriated money for highways, schools, and the various town charges, and in most respects adhered religiously to long-established methods of procedure. The commercial credit of the country, which had depreciated so much during the struggle for national independence, gradually revived, and with confidence restored in business circles, even the small country town shared in the resultant prosperity, and larger comforts and privileges gradually found their way into the necessarily straitened lives of the early settlers.

Among other benefits, one which stood first in order, and perhaps in importance, was the New London Social Library, incorporated as a body-politic and approved by Gov. J. T. Gilman, June 12, 1801. Elder Job Seamans, Dr. John Cushing, Lieut. Thomas Pike, Levi Harvey, Esq., James Hutchins, Theophilus Cram, Jonathan Woodbury, and Jonas Shepard had been shareholders in the Social Library Association, organized in 1796 by citizens of Sutton, New London, and Newbury, but which was more particularly a Sutton institution. The original patrons of the New London corporation were Elder Job Seamans, Lieut. Joseph Colby, Ezekiel Knowlton, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting, Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Nathaniel Fales, Jonathan Everett, Josiah Brown, Jonathan Woodbury,

Jonathan Greeley, David Smith, Joseph Slack, John Slack, John Adams, Jr., Jonas Shepard, Greene French, Joseph Messer, Seth Gay, Samuel Messer, Jr., Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard.

The first meeting was held Sept. 1, 1801, at the home of Josiah Brown, and in due course of time the necessary officials were chosen and rules and by-laws adopted. The modest library, of scarce a hundred volumes in its beginning, soon became an important factor in the educational development of the youth of that generation. Probably modern young people would find little of interest in the solid literature which was then considered the proper mental pabulum, but men who in after life attained prominence in their callings gratefully acknowledged their indebtedness to the influence of the books so eagerly yet thoroughly perused in earlier years. The first board of officers consisted of Lieut. Joseph Colby, Jonathan Woodbury, Ezekiel Knowlton as directors; Josiah Brown (at whose house the library was kept), treasurer and librarian; Joseph Messer, collector; Jonathan Woodbury, clerk. Shares were two dollars each, and a small yearly assessment provided for the gradual enlargement of the library. Books might be exchanged during the afternoon of the first Monday of each month, and a graded system of fines tended to make patrons both careful and punctual. Miss Sarah Brown, a granddaughter of Josiah Brown, has the only book of records which has been preserved. This covers a period of ten years, but the organization existed for perhaps a half-century, when the books were distributed among the shareholders.

The state militia was a time-honored institution, and it is to be regretted that no extended records of the New London companies of the very earliest days have been preserved. Thursday, Oct. 29, 1795, Elder Seamans has this note in his diary: "By request, I attended the training in this town, and prayed "with the company; this was the first time I was ever called "to this service in this town." The annual company and regimental musters were great occasions, and to judge from the numerous items which figured yearly in the selectmen's accounts, the town fathers were not sparing of expense that the soldiery might be well fed and furnished. One year they burned twenty dollars' worth of powder. Another entry is,—

“Paid Joseph Colby Esqr for powder, rum and provision for soldiers on muster day and for a book for town records \$32.27.” Among others who served as captains were Amos Currier, Robert Knowlton, Nathan Herrick, John Pike, Stephen Sargent, Benjamin Woodman.

Mention should also be made here of King Solomon’s lodge, No. 14, A. F. and A. M., which held its first meeting under charter June 16, 1802, at Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury’s hall. The detailed history of this nearly century-old lodge is given elsewhere in this volume, but it must not be forgotten that there were members of the “Society of Freemasons” in the town for several years previous to the above date. Elder Seamans refers to them on two occasions (see *pp.* 43, 44, 81). The new lodge became a strong local influence, and numbered among its members several of the wealthiest and most prominent men in the community.

An old file of *New Hampshire Registers* is authority for the existence of the New London Musical Society. The annual meeting was held on the second Tuesday of November, and the officers elected in 1818 were Nathan Herrick, president; Stephen Sargent and Perley Burpee, vice-presidents; Solomon Adams, Job Seamans, Jr., Thomas Burpee, 2d, directors; Job Seamans, Jr., clerk. In 1821, Asa Gage was president; Jonathan Herrick, vice-president; Job Seamans, Jr., secretary, treasurer, and librarian; Thomas Burpee, 3d, Jedediah P. Sabin, and Jonathan Everett, directors. The last mention of the society is in 1823.

The same source of information establishes the date of the first post-office, which was kept in William Clark’s store on Summer street, he serving as postmaster from 1819 to 1827. Andover was the nearest point on the regular route of the post-rider who collected and delivered the weekly mail, which reached the outlying towns through the medium of a local carrier. Amos Page is said to have been the first man to carry mail through New London, beginning in 1815. His section was from Hillsborough to Springfield. Sometimes there would be two or three letters for this town, quite often more. There were subscribers to the *New Hampshire Gazette* in 1803, the three copies coming to this town being credited to Dow & Harvey, J. & D. Woodbury, Thomas Pike. *The New*

Hampshire Patriot was an early favorite with New London patrons, and Elder Seamans and Joseph Colby were subscribers to Boston papers. The letter rates of the present sink into insignificance beside the cost of that luxury in the early part of the century, when the carriage on a single sheet for a less distance than forty miles was eight cents, and not exceeding five hundred miles, twenty-five cents, with two and three sheets paying double and triple rates.

In 1801 there were three licensed "taverns," or private houses open to public entertainment,—Capt. John Woodman's, at the southerly end of the cemetery; Lieut. Joseph Colby's, the Colby homestead on Main street, which he built and occupied in 1800, and Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury's, the original dwelling-house at Crockett's corner. Joseph Colby also "kept store" in his house, carrying a stock of goods appraised at \$100. Another license granted that year was to Robert M. Wallace, who appears to have bought out Woodman & Macfarland. He was allowed to sell spirituous liquors in his store "on all public meeting days" for one year.

Josiah Brown had succeeded Lieut. Levi Harvey as town clerk, and on the warrant of a special meeting called for March 30, 1801, a carefully executed "[L. S.]" is used for the first time. This meeting was to choose a representative of the classed towns of Sutton and New London, and for the first and only time in the eight years that this arrangement prevailed, a New London man, Joseph Colby, Esq., received the honor of an election. Two years later New London had 100 polls,—a number sufficient to entitle it to individual representation. Under the new order Joseph Colby was again chosen to the office, and held it successively for fourteen annual terms.

According to the tax-list for 1801 there were three school-districts in the town,—eastern, northern, and western—not including the eleven settlers in what was strictly speaking the north-east district. The earliest schoolhouse in the east or Low Plain district had at least two locations, and ended its career as the original Amos Hunt house on "Adeline's hill," having first been used as a dwelling by John Everett, son of Ensign Nathaniel Everett. Those who were set off in this locality were Penuel Everett, Capt. Eliphalet Gay, William Gay, David Gay, Jonathan Greeley, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting, Israel Hunt-

ing, Jonathan Hunting, David Hobson, Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, Ebenezer Shepard, Jr., Jesse Shepard, John Slack, John Stinson, Benjamin Straw, David Smith, Joseph Trussell, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Jonathan Woodbury, Daniel Woodbury, Eliphalet Woodward, Greene French, James Gilmore. The second schoolhouse was built in 1824.

The schoolhouse "at Jesse Dow's corner near the meeting house" seems to have been the only accommodations open to the children in the northern district, which included in its limits what were later known as the north, Burpee hill, village, and Pleasant street districts. The tax-payers here were John Adams, John Adams, Jr., Lieut. Solomon Adams, Solomon Adams, Jr., Moses Adams, Lieut. Thomas Burpee, Asa Burpee, Calvin Burpee, Jeremiah Burpee, Josiah Brown, Benjamin Bunker, James Brocklebank, John Brocklebank, Lieut. Joseph Colby, James Colby, Moody Clement, Dr. John Cushing, John Dole, Jesse Dow, Jonathan Everett, Lieut. Levi Everett, Levi Harvey, Esq., Levi Harvey, Jr., Joseph Harvey, Ezekiel Knowlton, Samuel Messer, Esq., James How Messer, Zaccheus Messer, Jacob Messer, Joseph Messer, Nathaniel S. Messer, Daniel March, Samuel Norris, Jeremiah Pingree, Caleb Segur, Peter Sargent, Ebenezer Sargent, Stephen Sargent, William Sargent, Ezekiel Sargent, John Sargent, Rev. Job Seamans, Capt. John Woodman, Abner Whittier, Joseph Wood.

In the western district the first schoolhouse stood a little to the east of the present site, on the opposite side of the road leading to Herrick's cove. There were in this neighborhood Benjamin Adams, Matthew Adams, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank, Capt. Thomas Currier, Edmund Davis, Josiah Davis, David Gile, Ensign Jonathan Herrick, Jedediah Jewett, Robert Knowlton, Ezekiel Knowlton, Jr., Capt. John Morgan, John Morgan, Jr., John Morgan, 3d, Henry Morgan, Samuel Messer, Jr., Lieut. Thomas Pike, Joseph Pike, Jonathan Shepard, Jonas Shepard, Anthony Sargent, Peter Sargent, Jr., Amasa Sargent.

The town voted £25, to be divided among these districts, for schooling purposes in 1801, and \$83.33 in 1802. During the latter year the question of dividing the northern district was agitated, and in December, 1803, was brought to a successful conclusion, resulting in the centre or village district, the north-

west or Burpee hill, and the north. It was found necessary to rebuild the chimneys in the three old schoolhouses at this time, and this marks an innovation on primitive customs—the introduction of stoves in place of the mammoth fireplaces which, in spite of the disproportionate space occupied, allowed the pupils on the back row of benches to freeze while those in front were gradually “baked” in the fierce heat. It was voted “to give the east district fourteen dollars and the bricks of the old chimney in their schoolhouse, provided the said district procure at their own expense a stove which shall answer as good a purpose as a common chimney.” The stove was furnished by Joseph Colby for \$14.

The proposed change in the boundaries called for new schoolhouses, and at the March meeting in 1803 the town, in addition to the \$100 appropriated for schooling, had voted to raise \$260 for the erection of the needed buildings,—one to be located at the foot of Burpee hill, “near Jeremiah Burpee’s,” the other “near Peter Sargent’s,” the Four Corners of to-day. Maj. Eliphalet Gay, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Lieut. Thomas Burpee, Capt. Thomas Currier, and Josiah Brown were the committee “to lay out the money voted for building schoolhouses in such a manner as they shall think just.” The Burpee hill schoolhouse, which was accepted at the meeting in December, 1803, was finally built “near Asa Burpee’s,” a little farther up the hill than the site first proposed. The only record of the building or acceptance of the schoolhouse at Four Corners is a receipt for \$143.36, “towards building the schoolhouse near Ebenr. Sargent’s,” under date of April 9, 1804. The lot was given by Ezekiel Sargent. The selectmen’s accounts also mention a payment to Josiah Brown “towards building a schoolhouse in the north district,” and a few years later there is a record of the school being kept in the house of John Morgan, 3d, with Lucy Pingree as teacher, John Dole and Joseph Messer being allowed school money “for schooling their own children.” March 28, 1804, the settlers in the north-east district (John Clay, William Clay, Stephen Clay, Nicholas Holt, Jabez Morrill, John Russell, Robert Fowler, Samuel Fowler, Edward Buswell) were provided with schooling privileges, \$70 being the sum voted to build a house 30x16 feet. Josiah Brown was chosen to view the completed structure, “to

determine whether the seventy dollars is well laid out or not." Prior to this date Nicholas Holt was paid "for Mrs. Holt's services in keeping school." For the year 1805 the annual appropriation for schools was \$125, and four years later the amount exceeded \$200, which set the standard for quite a period.

In 1805 the legislature passed an act empowering school-districts to build and repair schoolhouses and regulate schools. In accordance with this act, the following year a committee, consisting of James Minot, Joseph Harvey, Daniel Woodbury, Stephen Currier, and Josiah Brown, was appointed to divide the town into districts, with a view to the final settlement of the much-vexed and oft-recurring question of bounds and locations. Reference to the map on *p.* 64 will make plain the work performed by this committee, as embodied in their report of Oct. 20, 1806, which was accepted by the town. The districts by lots were as follows :

No. 1.—Nos. 123, 104, 98, 86, 63, 33, and all the lots lying southeasterly of them. No. 2.—Nos. 124, 125, 105, 106, 126, the southwest half of 107, and all the land disannexed from Wendall [the first parcel]. No. 3.—Nos. 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 113, 111, 110, 109, 108, the northeast half of 107, 95, 94, 93, 92, 91, 90, 89, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 59, 64, 84, 96, 97, and two thirds of 60 on the northwest part thereof. No. 4.—Nos. 28, 27, 26, 25, 24, 23, 22, 62, 61, 65, 21, 36, 35, 34, 33, 32, 31, 30, 29, 58, 55, 54, 53, with one third of 60 on the southeast part thereof, and all the land disannexed from Kearsarge Gore. No. 5.—Nos. 133, 134, 135, 136, 117, 116, 115, 114, 88, 56, 57, 47, 48, 85, 75, 76, 72, 73, 74, 49, 41, 50, 51, 52, 37, 38, 39, 40, 17, 18, 19, 20. No. 6.—Nos. 16, 15, 42, 43, 46, 118, 137, and all the lots lying northeasterly of them.

But "chance and change are busy ever," and the limits so laboriously set for the first four districts were subjected to numerous "improvements" within the ensuing twenty years, while districts 5 and 6, which lay in that part of New London set off to Wilmot, passed out of the town's jurisdiction in 1807. In 1815 a new district, known as No. 5, was constituted, and included lots Nos. 70, 55, 54, 35, 34, 22, 23, and all that part of 24 lying northeasterly of the outlet of Pleasant pond. This

later became the Scytheville district, but the first schoolhouse stood near the Wilmot line. When the second parcel of land was added from Wendall (in 1817) it was known for a time as No. 7 and then merged in No. 2. The north and Pleasant street districts were set off in 1821, and at that date there were at least eight schools. The first schoolhouse in the north district by this time had evidently fallen into disuse, for a second building was erected in 1820, and was located a short distance north of the present structure, near the site of the old brickyard.

Brickmaking in New London, like the fulling-mill and the hatter's shop, is an industry long since relegated to the past, yet it flourished to some extent for a good half-century. About 1800 Capt. Amasa Sargent helped John Dole build a kiln in the north corner of his farm on Morgan hill. The greater part of the product was sold in Springfield, but there are bricks in the chimney of the Henry W. Putney house marked "82-1800," "96-1800." It was Ebenezer Sargent's brickyard which was just west of the old school-house in the north district. The pit was very near the site of the present building, and the clay was drawn from there to the kiln. The bricks for the Stephen D. Messer house were burned here. The third brickyard was at the foot of Pleasant street, on the left hand side of the road beyond Little brook bridge, and was run by Stephen Sargent. The last bricks from this kiln were used in the chimneys of the Jacob Waite house, which was built by Abel Hobbs soon after 1850.

There is no mention of a school committee until 1809, when the selectmen for that year, Josiah Brown, Daniel Woodbury, and Nathan Herrick, were chosen to visit and inspect the schools. A committee of four was appointed the following year, and Elder Seamans and the board of selectmen officiated in 1811. In 1813 the town gave the schoolhouses to the several districts "for their use forever," and no more "committees" were chosen until 1819, when they were appointed regularly for several years. In 1818 and 1819 the selectmen were authorized to make an enumeration of the children between the ages of three and twenty-one, as the basis for a proportionate division of school money. According to the returns for the latter year there were 330 children and youth, divided among

101 families; Ebenezer Shepard furnishing the largest quota.
11. The tax-payers who had no representatives in the schools numbered 67.

The oldest book of school records that has been preserved is that of the Burpee hill district, or No. 2, which dates back to 1813. Peter Eaton was clerk of the first meeting held, which was warned by John Williams under authority from the selectmen. Among the early town papers, however, was a little packet of time-worn receipts, some of which afford interesting details of the primitive customs of pioneer days. For comparison with modern methods and demands a few of these documents will bear transcription.

“New London March th 10 1800

“Received one Dollar in part for Lime used for

“plastering the School houses in sd town

“John Woodman”

“Esquire Harvey Sir, please to let Lieut Hutchins
“have two bushels of the rye that Mr Dole was to leave at
“your house for me towards what I have Due for my teach-
“ing school and you will oblige your humble Servant Jonathan
“Harvey

“New London April 10 1800”

“The Town of New London to Thomas Burpee Deb^r

“September 30th 1800

“To Boarding Miss Lois Sargent the School Mistress

“Six Weeks and To Bringing her from and carrying

“home Sundry times from and to the School

“the whole amount is

“True Am^t Errors Excepted

Thomas Burpee

“New London March 2nd 1801”

} \$5.00

“N—London Oct 14 1801

“Rec^d of the town of New London Thirteen Dollars and thirty

“three Cents. in full for teaching a school for said town Ten

“weeks in the year 1801.

“Rapsima Woodbury”

- “Jesse Shepard Collector for 1801
 “You are directed to pay Peter Sargent Jun. One dollar and
 “fifty Cents It being for boarding school master two weeks
 “and we will allow the same to you on settlement
 “Joseph Colby } Selectmen
 “Josiah Brown } of N London”
 “Rec^d of the selectmen of New London thirteen dollars and
 “forty two cents in full for the school belonging to the
 “North west school district in this town for the 1803
 “New London March 14, 1804 “Thomas Burpee”

No trace has yet been found of the tax-lists and selectmen's accounts before 1800, so with the exception of Mary (Messenger) Everett, and Jonathan Harvey, who taught the Hominy Pot school, there is no record of the teachers employed during early times. Beginning with 1800 the selectmen kept a book apart from the regular town record, and among other disbursements are those for schools. It will be seen by the following list that very few out-of-town teachers were employed, and the names of the native-born youths and maidens who aspired to pedagogic honors during the first quarter of the present century cannot fail to be of interest to their descendants.

Mindwell Shepard, Jonathan Woodbury, Daniel Woodbury, Olive Woodbury, Rapsima Woodbury, Lois Sargent, Joseph Trussell, Philip Harvey, Matthew Harvey, Job Seamans, Jr., Mary Seamans, Abigail French, Samuel Dow, Mehitabel Hersey, Moody Currier, Susan Everett, Samuel Colburn, Betsey Gile, Nathan Herrick, Daniel Brocklebank, Jr., Margaret Harvey, Sarah Trussell, Roxana Woodbury, John H. Slack, Anthony Colby, James Seamans, Betsey Brown, Mary Everett, Nancy Greeley, Lucy Pingree, Asa Gage, Ruth Herrick, Sylvia Sargent, Comfort Everett, Judith Colby, Rebekah Sargent, James Greeley, Fanny Everett, David S. Gile, Emily Adams, Sarah Trussell, Sarah Messer, Hannah Collins, Rhoda Everett, Daniel W. Shepard, Betsey Gay, Rapsima Gile, Anna Burpee, T. J. Kimball, H. Huntoon, Sarah Everett, Betsey Herrick, Phebe Haskins, Mary Adams, Moses H. Harvey, William Whittier, John Bunker, John J. Sargent, Martha W. Keith, Louisa Woodbury, Margaret W. Sawyer, Lois Adams, Aaron Shepard, Samuel

Little, Hannah Sargent, Mary M. Woodbury, Samuel Straw, Daniel Adams, Judith Whittier, John Trussell, Jeremiah Adams.

There are but few items of general interest in the mass of routine business transacted during the first quarter of the century. Like other New Hampshire towns of that period, New London was required to keep up a quota of minute-men for public defence. As far back as Jan. 1, 1798, the town voted "to give one Dolar as bounty to each man for in Listing and "in case they are cald for to march to advance five Dolars to "Each man as part of his wages and to make up Each mans "pay with what Congress gives to ten Dolars per month while "he is in Serves." One of the men who enlisted under this provision was Ebenezer Sargent, as witness his receipt:

"January 2, 1801 Received one dollar of Levi Harvey Esqr in "full for my inlisting as A minute man for the town of New "London
"here to fore witness my hand—Eben Sargent"

When the War of 1812 became imminent, the town voted a bounty of two dollars, and in addition to make the pay of the enlisted men ten dollars per month if called into actual service. The outbreak of hostilities roused the martial spirit of the Revolution, and there were numbers of volunteers who quickly responded to their country's call. The official rolls are incomplete, and lacking in detail, but a careful examination places a goodly quota of men to the town's credit. "Capt. Eliphalet Gay" of pioneer times had become a citizen of Wilmot, but it is interesting to note his promotion to major and his service as lieutenant-colonel commandant of the Thirtieth from 1810 to 1815 inclusive.

In February, 1813, Capt. Thomas Currier raised a company in New London and Sutton, serving himself as commander, with James Minot (then of Sutton) as first lieutenant; John Gage of New London was ensign, and Simeon Blood, Moody Brocklebank, Joseph Chase, Jr., Edward Chadwick, David Jewett, Daniel March, Hezekiah Mills, Aaron Rowell, and John M. Williams were enrolled as privates. Very few of the New Hampshire companies were in active service, but among those ordered to Portsmouth were two in which were several New London men. In Capt. Silas Call's company, which was com-

manded for a time by Lieut. Stephen Sargent of New London, were Samuel Messer, Zenas Herrick, and Nathan Smith. John Davis, David Marshall, Nathaniel Messer, and David Gile, with Sergt. Robert Knowlton, served under Capt. Jonathan Bean. The contest was terminated by General Jackson at New Orleans in 1815. The town at the March meeting voted to allow the detached men at the rate of twelve dollars per month for their service the preceding year, and once more settled down to an epoch of peaceful prosperity.

The corporate organization of the New London church as the First Baptist society was in 1801, anticipating by this step the Toleration act of 1819, which freed the towns from responsibility in the matters of building houses for public worship and providing support for the ministry,—conditions which had been deemed of prime importance in the early township grants. An increase in the town's population had naturally introduced new elements of religious belief, and the arrangement adopted in 1797, whereby each denomination might occupy the meeting-house in proportion to the amount of money they felt called to contribute for the pleasure of sitting under a minister of their own particular persuasion, was a simple yet generally satisfactory policy of accommodation. Once a special meeting to discuss the wisdom of this measure was appointed for a day in February. At the time fixed, the brethren gathered at the meeting-house; but the wind evidently set from the wrong quarter, for they promptly adjourned—"to assemble at Mr. Benja. Woodbury's immediately or as soon as we can get there." The good cheer provided by mine host Woodbury must have soothed the troubled spirits, for there the matter appears to have rested. Part of the "parsonage lot," No. 81, had been sold, and with the rental of the remainder formed the "ministerial fund." A certain proportion of the interest from this fund was each year devoted to "the support of the ministry,"—Baptists, Freewillers, and Universalists alike figuring as beneficiaries.

The Baptists as a denomination predominated in numbers, and in their capacity as a society continued Elder Seamans as regular supply up to 1828, though his advanced years and feeble health allowed him to preach only occasionally after 1824. In 1807 the Elder had suffered a light stroke of apo-

plexity, and when he was again able to preach experienced great discomfort from the extreme cold of the fireless meeting-house. Perhaps the brethren were glad of a legitimate excuse for introducing a stove; at any rate, one was procured and set up. The first Lord's day that it was in use, December 24, 1809, the Elder wrote in his diary,—“although it was an exceeding cold day I was quite comfortable: of the two, rather too warm.” In strong contrast appears this entry, three days later: “A cold “snow-storm began as a little before sun down we retired to “the water side: the Ice being cut and the place prepared by “faithful brethren I buried 4 brethren and 3 sisters (all young “people) with Christ in Baptism.”

For two years the stove did its best to thaw the frigid atmosphere of the meeting-house, and then the town fathers decided it was safe to “continue” its use, and appropriated money to pay for what would now be deemed a most necessary piece of furniture. The question of its continuance was again brought up in 1819, and this time was emphatically decided in the affirmative. Precisely what movable articles of virtue or value were kept in the building in 1804 does not appear, but the question of suitable protection having been brought up at town meeting, it was voted “that the town procure a lock.” Stephen Sargent procured the lock and made the necessary repairs on the door for sixty-seven cents. The lathing and plastering of the house had been finally accomplished some three years before the introduction of the stove, and in 1818 the sum of \$300 was expended under the supervision of Joseph Colby, Esq., in repairing and finishing the outside of the structure. At last the meeting-house stood complete—pulpit and awe-inspiring sounding-board, square box-pews and the “singing-pue” wrought out with much tribulation, all snugly inclosed by four tight walls and a roof—just thirty years from the framing of the foundation timbers by 'Squire Samuel Messer, over whose grave in the quiet churchyard the grass had waved for nearly a decade.

Beginning in 1793 with the annexation of seven lots from the northwesterly part of Kearsarge Gore, the state legislature had in the ensuing quarter-century brought about a marked change in the boundaries of the township, and the final result was a territory whose irregular contour widely differed from the clear-

cut lines run by the surveyor of Alexandria Addition in 1773. In December, 1804, quite a slice was taken from Wendall and added to New London. As a result of this the red schoolhouse "near Asa Burpee's" was moved up the hill until it rested on the ledge that crops out along the patent line which was the original boundary between the towns.

About 1806 the settlers in the northeast district petitioned the legislature for the creation of a new township out of that part of New London which lay to the northeast of the second tier of lots above Lake Pleasant and the unappropriated part of Kearsarge Gore. From the first these settlers had labored under the disadvantage of remoteness from the business centre of the town, coupled with financial disability to construct roads fit for the travel of man or beast. The opening of the Fourth New Hampshire turnpike (in 1806), which passed through the northeast district in its course from Concord to Hanover, not only afforded an avenue of communication with the outer world but also the opportunity to inaugurate an independent existence from the mother town. The charter of Wilmot was granted in 1807, and on the second Tuesday in March, 1808, the forty-six resident tax-payers in the two sections met at the house of James Philbrick and held their first town-meeting, over which Samuel Messer, Jr., who had removed from New London, presided as moderator. Maj. Eliphalet Gay, who was then "keeping tavern" with his son William in the new township, was elected to the first board of selectmen.

The second addition from Wendall, which was made in June, 1817, included the settlement near Otter pond. This was the last change, and the famous patent line which had originally marked the northwesterly limit of the township, gave place to a boundary that, beginning at a given point in Lake Sunapee and running north, 16° east, 108 rods to Otter pond, followed the same direction across the pond to Springfield south line. The accompanying map is a copy from the original one, executed in accordance with an act of the legislature, authorizing a state survey, now on file in the office of the secretary of state, and portrays the re-created township, the New London of 1897. Alexandria Addition at the time of its survey in 1773 contained 20,550 acres; 700 acres were added from Kearsarge Gore, and 9,000 were given to Wilmot, leaving



12,250 to New London, besides the two parcels added from Wendall, the total number credited on the map, as determined by official survey, being 13,560. Up to July, 1823, the town belonged to the shrievalty of Hillsborough county, but was one of the twenty-six towns then taken from the counties of Hillsborough and Rockingham and incorporated as Merrimack.

The first mention of town poor is in a vote passed at the March meeting of 1802, whereby Lieut. Levi Everett was allowed \$75 "for supporting Olive Titus, a poor person." This item in various forms makes its appearance in the records for several years, and Lieutenant Everett seems to have cared for her until her death, July 10, 1830, at the age of 64 years. In 1817 an action was brought against the town by the selectmen of Wendall, for the support of Henry Achilles and his wife, who appear to have drifted thither after their disappearance from New London in 1814. The first board of overseers of the poor was appointed at this time, and consisted of Jonathan Greeley, Capt. John Woodman, and James Hayes. In 1819 the question of caring for Moses Smith and his wife came before the tax-payers, and was settled as per the following documents:

"AUCTION.

"On thursday June 1st 1820 at 4 o'clock P. M. at the meeting house in this town the maintainance of Mr. Moses Smith and his wife paupers now in this town will be set up at auction by the week for one year if the town shall have to maintain them so long and struck off to the lowest bidder

"New London	Nathan Herrick	} Selectmen of N. London"
"May 24th 1820	Job Seamans Jun	

"JUNE 1st 1820

"Pursuant to the above notice the support and maintainance of Mr Moses Smith and his wife town paupers is now exposed to sale

"The lowest bidder shall be considered as undertaking to maintain said paupers by the week for one year if the town of New London shall stand chargeable with their maintainance so long & shall be entitled to the use of all the household furniture clothing &c of the said Smith and his

“wife and shall also be entitled to all the reasonable services
“of the said Mr Smith and his wife and shall maintain them in
“a decent and comfortable manner in health and sickness the
“Doctors bill excepted and shall forthwith produce sufficient
“bonds for their support and maintainance
“Struck off to Jeremiah Burpee at \$1.37 per Week ”

Before the year was out Moses Smith was in his coffin, and his wife went back to Hopkinton. A year later the town was recompensed in full for all expenditures for the Smiths by the town of Hopkinton. The only other persons assisted during this period were a Mr. Cross and Jonathan Shepard and his wife.

Year after year the sweeping and general care of the meeting-house was struck off to the lowest bidder. The salary was never anything approaching a bonanza, but in 1804 the low-water mark was touched by Capt. John Woodman, who performed the duties of janitor one year for the truly modest sum of thirty-five cents. In 1815 he agreed to serve for the privilege of confining his sheep in the unused part of the burying-ground. In 1817 Edmund Davis, Jr., combined the duties of janitor and sexton, and was voted \$15 for his services. It was in 1804 that the crows and crow-blackbirds were first doomed to destruction, with premiums of ten and three cents per head respectively. A year later hedgehogs at fifteen cents, and striped, red, and gray squirrels at one, two, and three cents, were added to the list. In 1805 the town purchased of Col. Daniel Warner of Amherst a set of standard weights and measures for \$46.

Dea. Zebedee Hayes was the first person to pay a tax on a chaise (value \$40), in 1809, and the first tax for money at interest was levied in 1813, when Elder Job Seamans had \$134 and Widow Mehitable Knowlton \$64. In 1821 Joseph Colby had \$2,500 at interest, Samuel Greenwood had \$1,000, and Jonathan Greeley held interest-bearing mortgages for a similar amount. A novel item in the inventory for this year is that of two jacks and four mules, which were owned by Anthony Colby. This was the beginning of his famous mule colony, which reached its largest number, 52, in 1829. In summer they ran at large in a pasture on the shore of Lake Pleasant, and “the governor’s mule-pasture” has become a local landmark. The

raising of mules for Southern planters was at this time carried on quite extensively at the North, and paid big dividends; but so many engaged in it, and the difficulties of transportation were so great, that the business at length ceased to be profitable.

The census of 1810 gave a population of 692, which was a gain of only 75 since 1800; but the census of 1820 showed a marked increase, the figures returned giving a total of 924. In 1820 the town book records 161 polls and 17 other tax-payers, exclusive of non-residents. The total amount of the invoice was \$70,855, not including \$3,010 at interest, three chaises valued at \$60 each, the income from five separate mills, and the value of the stock-in-trade returned by the three storekeepers, William Clark, Joseph Colby, and Samuel Greenwood, which was \$250, \$200, and \$250 respectively. For a town almost exclusively devoted to farming interests, the above figures present a most commendable showing for the general industry and prudence of its citizens.

In matters outside of purely local interest the town generally remained neutral, but in 1807, when the question of revising the constitution was submitted to the voters, the popular sentiment stands recorded as forty-two to one against revision. The problem of public highways, however, was one with which the town fathers strove annually, and on this point were liberally inclined,—not only in the number of surveyors chosen but in the amount of money devoted to repairs and extension of travelled ways. In 1801 the town appropriated £40 for this purpose; in 1805, the sum of \$500; and in 1813 it was increased to \$600, and this was the standard maintained up to 1825.

Later generations might rebel at unbroken paths in the depth of winter snows, but in 1808 each man had to clear for himself or stay by his own fireside; and six years later, when each highway surveyor was made responsible for the proper breaking of the roads in his district, it was stipulated that he should procure a snow-plow at his own cost. A temporary bridge of logs had been built at the outlet of Lake Pleasant in very early times, but the first substantial structure, with stone abutments, as planned by Joseph Colby, Josiah Brown, and Jonathan Greeley, committee for the town, was built by Levi Harvey in

1815, at a cost of \$150. The Otterville bridge, "near Jesse Blake's mill," was constructed in 1819.

Among other old papers and documents brought to light in the search for historical material, was a small printed sheet, published in 1815 by Joseph Colby, Jr., "*pro bono publico*," and opening to public view the details of a most nefarious action. The title of this pamphlet is "New London Jacobinism Unveiled," and one or two extracts from its columns will perhaps best explain the reason of its publication :

"Mr. Printer, 'He who steals my purse steals trash,' but
 " 'He takes my life when he doth take the means whereby I
 " live ;' therefore, to favor our good citizens, and to counteract
 " the attempts lately made to injure their character—and who
 " have ever endeavored to injure character by speaking all
 " manner of evil &c—who have carried their evil designs
 " against them so far as to seek an opportunity to send a BAND
 " OF ROBBERS to plunder and destroy their property,—and
 " endeavor to crush them by false swearing, lying, slandering,
 " and all the mischief they can do :

"And to make things appear right we wish you to publish
 " the following DOCUMENTS, &c, as an appendix to numer-
 " ous publications which have occurred, treating on the most
 " wicked Enterprise, which was secretly designed, planned
 " and transacted by a self styled Custom house officer as a
 " deputed leader, and the BAND, upon Merchandize in one
 " of the Stores in New-London, N. H. March 1, 1815, and on
 " other affairs transacted by the New London Jacobins and
 " their associates. The public, and the peace and quietness of
 " the town, having been agitated by these disturbers, we hope
 " a continual calm will take place and follow this development
 " and statement of the difficulties by the parties, which we
 " anticipate."

Several columns of details succeed the above opening paragraphs, and on the last page of the sheet appears the following :

"We have produced something against each of the prominent
 " actors of the tragedy. 'Tragedy nagedy mum.' We could
 " mention a thousand things more, anecdotes, &c, against the
 " custom house gentry, and bring *living evidence real as life*,
 " but we will be honorable and forbear.

"N. B. Those Editors of Newspapers who may please to favor the public by exposing the doings and characters of bad men, are requested to publish 'the statements and remarks' and these Documents, &c in their respective papers.

Newlondon [N. H.] March 1, 1815.

"It has lately appeared that some time previous to last March, a company of men secretly designed and planned an attack on the store, with an intention to search for smuggled goods and to share in the plunder. As there was no custom house officer in town nor its vicinity, they despatched their best man to Portsmouth to be authorized to lead them in the undertaking. On hearing that the owners of the Store had set out on a journey, they met in order to execute their designs, but finding the owners had delayed setting out at that time, they therefore postponed the undertaking; But on said first day of March, they finding all the owners were from home, and only an attendant at the store, ventured forth, made the attack, stripped the shelves, and took a VAST QUANTITY OF REMNANTS OF MERCHANDIZE; a catalogue of which may be seen in an advertisement published in the N. H. Patriot in part of the impression of March 21, 1815, consisting of the smaller articles therein named; viz. '1 3-4 yd. of blk. mode' (worth 16 cts. 3 1-3 mills per yd.) & '2 yards of calimanco' (worth three fourpence piece per yd.) &c, &c, and a pamphlet bearing the name of an ENGLISH author, which they deemed good prize and lawful for the Captors to pocket, *sans ceremonie*. They were about taking a small remnant of millinet, yclept catgut, a boy came in and said Mrs.— could give a bill of that; that she made it for sieve bottoms; which circumstance saved the millinet.

"They proceeded and searched a neighboring dwelling-house, and made prize of some tea that was purchased on a peddling tour. Having finished the expedition, they proceeded to their place of rendezvous, and then after rejoicing in an Indian manner, and destroying a part of the goods they had taken from the 'old Tory,' carried their booty all the way to Portsmouth, to the MAN whom they had pleased with the idea that they would soon fetch him fourteen or fifteen sleigh loads of smuggled goods. The old man anx-

“iously inquired after the Goods. ‘Here are the Goods.’
 .. ‘What—these. A PARCEL OF OLD REMNANTS!!’
 “Don’t you ever be seen fetching me such trash again!!!’
 “The evidence furnished at the trial was such as might be
 “expected from such characters. They could swear to any
 “thing. None of the Goods taken from the store were con-
 “demned. * * * *

“A generous public, having a proper knowledge of their
 “characters, frowns on the authors and their abettors in that
 “nefarious affair, and unanimously loads them with detesta-
 “tion. NEWLONDON.”

The summer of 1816 is memorable as a season of unprecedented frost and drouth throughout the whole country, and New London shared in the general disaster. On June 6,—to quote Elder Seamans—“it was uncommonly cold and a tedious snow storm.” The following morning the ground was frozen hard, and ice had formed “an 8th of an inch thick.” Another frost came June 9; and again a month later, for under date of July 8, the Elder writes,—“there was a frost which cut down
 “corn, beans, potatoes, &c. It held cold for some days afterwards, so that a man on horse-back would be comfortable with
 “a great-coat and mittens. And in addition to this dreadful
 “calamity there is a terrible drouth lays upon us; The corn is
 “but just above the ground, the pastures drying up, and but a
 “little hay will be made this year. Indeed there seems to be
 “nothing but famine before our eyes.” Lord’s day, August 18, he writes,—“The heaven that is over our heads is as
 “brass: the earth under us as iron: and the rain of our land
 “has become as powder and dust.” On September 1 is this:
 “It was so cold in the meeting-house I wanted a great-coat.
 “Every thing looks as though death had spread his wings
 “over it. The dumb beasts are greatly distressed.” And again, on September 28: “There has been a very heavy frost
 “the three nights last past which has cut down everything. It
 “is a most melancholy time. What the Lord is about to do with
 “us I know not: but surely there never was such another time
 “in this Country.” In another place he refers to the great suffering among “the poorer class of people,” because of the failure of the crops and consequent high prices of food. The next spring seed corn sold for four and even five dollars a

bushel, but this season was as remarkable for its abundant harvests as the preceding one had been for its scarcity.

One more event of this period remains to be chronicled, the story of the great whirlwind of 1821,—a scene of terror never to be forgotten by those who witnessed it. The following account is taken from a book formerly owned by Joseph Colby, Esq., Volume I of the “Collections of the New-Hampshire Historical Society,” published by Jacob B. Moore and printed at Concord in 1824 :

*“ Account of the Great Whirlwind in New-
Hampshire, September 9, 1821.*

“The month of September, 1821, will long be remembered, as a season of uncommon storms and tempests. On the 3d a most violent storm raged on the whole Atlantic coast, from Portsmouth to Charleston, in which many lives, and a great amount of property, were destroyed. The gale continued during the whole day, and its severity was felt over the whole country. On the sea shore, and in the several harbors, it was terrible. The morning had been dark and gloomy, and at six o'clock the clouds began to discharge their watery contents, not in gentle showers, but literally in torrents. At ten o'clock the rain abated for a few minutes, as if to collect itself for a more copious discharge; for it presently set in with increased violence, and the wind commenced blowing a heavy gale from N. E. which continued to increase to a most alarming height. From half past eleven till half past twelve so great was the fury of the elements, that they seemed to threaten a general demolition of everything within their reach.—During that period the scene they presented was truly awful. The deafening roar of the storm, and the mingled, crashing of windows and chimneys, and falling timbers, with the continuous torrents of rain, together inspired the beholder with the greatest terror. About twelve o'clock, the wind shifted round to N. W. but without abating its fury until half an hour after, when it ceased raining; the storm began to subside and the water to recede. At four o'clock it changed to S. W. and the weather became calm and serene.

“This storm, though one of the most violent ever known in

“New Hampshire, produced little injury, in comparison with
“the whirlwind of the ninth of the same month.

“After the great rains of the third and fourth, the weather
“was pleasant and generally calm. The eighth and ninth
“were warm, the latter sultry.—The wind in the afternoon
“blew from the southwest, until about six o’clock, when a
“dark cloud was observed to rise rapidly in the north and
“northwest, and passing in a southeasterly direction, illumined
“in its course by incessant flashes of lightning. There
“was a most terrifying commotion in the cloud itself; and its
“appearance gave notice that irresistible power and desola-
“tion were its attendants. Few, however, apprehended the
“danger that was threatening, or that their dwellings, which
“had long withstood the fury of the tempest, were to be swept
“away, like leaves before the winds of autumn.

“The tornado was felt, and it is said to have commenced
“near Lake Champlain; hail storms and violent winds were
“also experienced in various parts of the United States, at the
“same time, and nearly at the same period in the West Indies.
“The whirlwind entered this state at Cornish, and crossing
“the mountain, gathered in strength as it passed through
“Croydon. Here the house of Deacon Cooper was shattered;
“his barn and its contents entirely swept away. Passing in a
“direction E. S. E., in its progress collecting into a narrower
“compass its power, its path was along the low lands, till it
“came to the farm and buildings of Harvey Huntoon in Wen-
“dall, about eighty rods distant from the borders of the
“Sunapee Lake. The people in the house, eight in number,
“were frightened by the appearance of the cloud. They saw
“the air before it filled with birds and broken limbs of trees.
“In an instant the house and two barns were prostrated to the
“ground. A side of the house fell upon Mr. H. and his wife,
“who were standing in the kitchen. The next instant it was
“blown off and dashed to pieces. The woman was carried
“across the field. A Mrs. Wheeler, who with her husband and
“child were then living in the house, had taken her child and
“fled to the cellar.—Mr. W. found himself in the cellar covered
“with timbers and bricks, and much injured. A child eleven
“months old was sleeping upon a bed in the west part of the
“house; the gown which it wore was soon after found in the

“water on the shore of the lake, one hundred and fifty rods from the house, and on the Wednesday following [the whirlwind was on Sunday], the mangled body of the child was found on the west shore of the lake, whither it had floated on the waves. Though the sun was an hour above the horizon, it was now as dark as midnight. The air was filled with leaves, fragments of trees and gravel. The bedstead on which the child lay was found in the woods eighty rods from the house northerly and out of the general track of the wind. And the feather-bed was afterwards found in Andover by a Mr. Durgin and restored to Mr. Huntoon.

“Bricks from the chimney of the house were carried to the distance of 100 rods; large pieces of timber, belonging to the house and barns, some seven and eight inches square and twelve feet long, were carried eighty and ninety rods; a pair of cart wheels were separated from the body and spire, carried about sixty rods and dashed to pieces; a large iron pot was blown upwards of seven rods; nearly all the trees of a middling sized orchard were blown down, many of them torn up and carried from seventy to one hundred rods into the woods; casks, furniture, clothing, and dead fowls, were found at much greater distance. The only furniture found near the house was a kitchen chair. A bureau was blown across the lake, two miles wide at that place, and excepting the drawers, was found half a mile beyond the lake, the whole distance being two miles and three quarters! From the buildings the land rises about one hundred feet in the distance of fifty rods, then descends to the lake. A door post of the barn, of beech, thirteen feet long, eight by twelve inches square, was blown through the air, up this rising ground forty-four rods. A large hemlock log, sixty feet in length and three feet in diameter at the butt, and nearly two at the top, was moved from its bed, where it had lain eight or ten years, and carried by the wind up hill and over two large rocks seventeen inches above the ground, situated about six feet from where it lay, to the distance of six rods. The rise of land in this distance is ten feet six inches. It struck a rock, which breaking it in two, stopped its progress. A piece of wood, heavily timbered, one hundred rods east, of forty acres, was entirely prostrated; not a whole tree was

“left standing on any part of it. A horse was blown up the
“rise before mentioned, forty rods, and so injured as to make
“it necessary to kill him. No human lives were lost, except-
“ing that of the child.—All the other seven persons, however,
“were injured, and some of them very severely. A house and
“barn belonging to Isaac Eastman were much shattered, but
“not entirely ruined. The path of the whirlwind here was
“about half a mile wide.

“From Wendall, the hurricane passed across lake Sunapee
“in a most terrific inverted pyramidical column, drawing up
“into its bosom vast quantities of water. Its appearance on the
“lake was in the highest degree sublime. About twenty rods
“in diameter at the surface of the water, it expanded on each
“side toward the heavens; its body dark as midnight, but
“occasionally illuminated by vivid flashes of lightning. New-
“London lies on the easterly shore of the lake, and the loss of
“property in this town was estimated at \$9,000. Fortunately,
“no persons were killed. The house and other buildings of
“John Davis standing directly in the path of the tornado, were
“entirely demolished. Not a timber nor a board was left on
“the ground where the house stood, nor a brick remained in
“its original place in the chimney. A hearth-stone weighing
“seven or eight hundred pounds was removed from its bed and
“turned upon one edge. All the furniture of the house,
“together with the bedding, clothing, &c. was swept away,
“and not the value of five dollars of it was ever found. The
“family were providentially absent from the house. Three
“barns belonging to Josiah Davis were blown away and his
“house much shattered. From a bureau standing in the corner
“of a room one drawer was taken and carried out of the win-
“dow with its contents, and has never been found. A house
“belonging to Jonathan Herrick was unroofed, the windows
“broken, and much clothing and furniture blown away, but
“fortunately none of the family were injured. A new two-
“story house frame nearly covered, belonging to Nathan Her-
“rick, and two barns, were blown down. A house and barn
“belonging to Asa Gage were unroofed, and two sheds carried
“away. Anthony Sargent had one barn torn to pieces,
“another unroofed, and two sheds blown away. Deac. Peter
“Sargent had a barn blown down, one unroofed, and a shed

“ torn to pieces. A house belonging to Widow Harvey was
“ unroofed, and a barn torn down. A barn of J. P. Sabin’s
“ was torn down. A barn of Levi Harvey’s blown to pieces—
“ also a saw mill torn down and twelve thousand of boards in
“ the mill-yard carried away; a grist mill moved some dis-
“ tance, and a hog-house containing a hog that would weigh
“ between three and four hundred pounds, was carried two
“ rods and thrown upon the top of a stone wall, when it fell
“ into fragments, and the hog, disengaged from his prison,
“ walked away unhurt.

“ The shores of the lake on the following morning, were
“ covered with the ruins of buildings, fences, furniture, &c.
“ which had fallen in the tempest. Parallel to the lake shore
“ stood a stone wall. The stones of this were scattered at vari-
“ ous distances: some of the stones weighing seventy pounds were
“ carried to the distance of two rods up a rise or at least four
“ feet in that distance. A pair of cart wheels, strongly bound
“ with iron, and almost new, with the spire and axle were
“ carried ten rods, the spire broken off in the middle, all the
“ spokes but two broken out of one wheel and more than half
“ of the other. All the trees in an orchard of one hundred,
“ without a single exception, were prostrated, and one half
“ were carried entirely away. The trunk of one divested of its
“ principal roots and limbs, was found at a distance of half a
“ mile at the top of quite a long hill. A piece of timber
“ (apparently a part of a barn beam) ten inches square and ten
“ or twelve feet in length, was carried a quarter of a mile up
“ the same hill. Near the top of the hill was an excavation
“ thirty-five or forty feet in length, some places two or three
“ feet in depth, partially filled with mangled timbers and
“ boards, and apparently made by the alighting of one side of
“ a barn, which must have taken an aerial flight of more than
“ eighty rods. The extent of the whirlwind in New-London
“ was about four miles, varying in width as the column alter-
“ nately rose and fell. From thence it passed up the N. W.
“ side of Kearsarge mountain apparently in two columns,
“ which closed again in one as it settled down the opposite side
“ into Warner.”

To-day there are but few traces left of the destruction wrought by the whirlwind in its swift but terrible flight, though

the Josiah Davis house, a little back from Hastings shore, is still standing, its roof swept by branches of stately elms that have grown up since that dreadful time. But for months the path of desolation was strewn with flotsam which no one cared to claim or clear up. Finally a fire started in some way near the Hominy Pot, and retracing the course of the tornado burned up the greater part of the debris. The West Part was isolated by the line of fire that swept through to the shore of the lake, and it was only after a long, hard fight that the buildings in that vicinity were saved from destruction. While the woods were on fire the odor of burning honey stored by wild bees was wafted to a great distance, and at night on Colby hill an ordinary newspaper could be read with ease.

A summary of the invoice-list of 1825 may fittingly close the record of the quarter-century, and serve for comparison with that of the year 1800. There were 181 polls, and 18 other tax-payers; 143 out of the 199 tax-payers were land-owners. For stock there were 74 horse kind that had been kept five winters, 15 four-year-olds, 6 three-year-olds, 9 two-year-olds. Of neat stock there were 70 yoke of cattle that had been wintered five years, 22 yoke of four-year-olds, 122 head of three-year-olds, 193 head of two-year-olds, and 324 cows. Of these last, Jonathan Greeley owned ten, and William Gay, Samuel S. Knowlton, and Moses Shepard had seven each. Out of a total of 12,050 acres of land owned by resident tax-payers, 23 1-4 acres were in orchard, 103 in arable land, 401 acres in mowing, 756 acres in pasture, the balance being unimproved land. Joseph Colby, with 510 acres, was the largest land-owner; Ebenezer and Amial Shepard had 359 acres in common, William Gay had 300, Eliphalet Gay 228, Amos Page 210, Greene French 200, and 43 other men owned above 100 each. Nathaniel Messer had the largest orchard, 1 1-2 acres; William Gay, Daniel Woodbury, John J. Sargent, and Jeremiah Burpee had an acre each. Jonathan Greeley, with 195 acres of land, had 4 acres of arable, 15 of mowing, and 25 of pasture; Joseph Colby had 3 of arable, 16 of mowing, and 39 of pasture. The buildings in town were valued at \$10,132; the unimproved land, at \$10,684. The buildings on the Colby place were valued at \$500; those on the Greeley place, at \$300. Joseph Colby had \$150 at interest, Anthony Colby

\$300, Elder Job Seamans \$200, Widow Molly Adams \$66, Jonathan Greeley \$500, Capt. Thomas Currier \$60. Joseph Colby, Greene French, Moses Trussell, Jonathan Greeley, and Benjamin E. Woodman had carriages of taxable value. The three stores in town, kept by Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Samuel Greenwood, and Benjamin E. Woodman, carried stocks returned at \$350, \$400, and \$400 respectively.

It has been thought best to present a tabular list of town officials in connection with each historical period, in order to avoid repetitions in the biographical sketches and yet preserve to their descendants the pleasant memory of faithful service.

TOWN OFFICERS FROM 1801 TO 1825.

Moderators.

1801.—March 10, Lieut. Joseph Colby; March 30, Lieut. Joseph Colby; Oct. 24, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury.

1802.—Jan. 25, Lieut. Joseph Colby; Feb. 9, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting; March 9, Joseph Harvey; March 19, Jonathan Shepard; May 24, Capt. Eliphalet Gay; July 7, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Aug. 9, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Aug. 30, Joseph Harvey.

1803.—March 8, Jonathan Woodbury; Sept. 26, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; Dec. 5, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury.

1804.—March 13, Joseph Colby; March 28, 9 a. m., Ezekiel Knowlton; March 28, 2 p. m., Joseph Colby; Aug. 27, Joseph Colby; Nov. 5, Jonathan Woodbury.

1805.—March 12, Joseph Colby; March 13, Joseph Colby.

1806.—Jan. 1, James Minot; Jan. 20, Daniel Woodbury; Feb. 5, Capt. Thomas Currier; March 11, Joseph Colby; April 4, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting; Aug. 25, Joseph Colby; Oct. 20, Joseph Harvey; Dec. 16, Joseph Colby.

1807.—March 10, Joseph Colby; April 20, Joseph Colby; May 18, Joseph Colby; Aug. 10, Lieut. Levi Everett.

1808.—March 8, Joseph Colby; March 24, Capt. Solomon Adams; May 24, Joseph Colby; Aug. 29, Capt. Thomas Currier; Nov. 4, Joseph Colby.

1809.—March 14, Joseph Colby; March 31, Joseph Colby; April 10, 2 p. m., Joseph Harvey, Esq.; April 10, 4 p. m., Capt. Solomon Adams; June 12, Joseph Harvey, Esq.

1810.—Jan. 1, Capt. John Woodman; March 13, Joseph Colby, Esq.; April 9, Capt. Thomas Currier; May 21, Capt. John Woodman; Aug. 27, Joseph Colby, Esq.

1811.—March 12, Joseph Colby.

1812.—Jan. 13, Daniel Woodbury; March 10, Joseph Colby; April 18, Lieut. Levi Everett; July 27, Capt. Thomas Currier; Nov. 2, Joseph Colby.

1813.—March 9, Joseph Colby; April 13, Capt. John Woodman; Sept. 17, Joseph Messer.

1814.—March 8, Joseph Colby; March 16, Joseph Trussell; Aug. 29, Joseph Colby; Nov. 2, Israel Hunting.

1815.—March 14, Joseph Colby, Esq.; March 23, Jonathan Greeley; May 8, Dr. Robert Lane; July 15, Nathan Herrick.

1816.—March 12, Joseph Colby, Esq.; March 25, Jonathan Greeley; May 15, Daniel Woodbury.

1817.—Jan. 20, Dr. Robert Lane; March 11, Capt. Daniel Woodbury; March 18, David Everett; April 15, Levi Harvey; May 16, Greene French; Aug. 16, William Clark; Sept. 3, Dea. Peter Sargent; Dec. 29, Capt. Thomas Currier.

1818.—March 10, Capt. Daniel Woodbury; March 30, Anthony Sargent; June 1, Jonathan Gage; Aug. 22, Isaac Messer.

1819.—March 9, Capt. Daniel Woodbury; March 29, Dea. Peter Sargent; Aug. 30, Nathan Herrick.

1820.—March 14, Capt. Daniel Woodbury; March 31, Dea. Peter Sargent; April 24, Asa Gage; Aug. 14, Jeremiah Burpee; Nov. 6, Greene French.

1821.—March 13, Daniel Woodbury; April 9, Benjamin E. Woodbury; Sept. 24, Capt. Stephen Sargent.

1822.—March 12, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; March 25, Jeremiah Burpee; Sept. 16, Job Seamans, Jr.

1823.—March 11, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; March 22, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.; Aug. 30, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.

1824.—March 9, Daniel Woodbury; March 16, Capt. Stephen Sargent; May 8, Joseph Colby, Esq.; Nov. 1, Joseph Colby, Esq.

1825.—March 8, Daniel Woodbury; April 11, Asa Gage; May 14, Jeremiah Adams; July 18, Samuel Greenwood; Oct. 10, Daniel Sargent.

Town Clerks.

1801-1816, Josiah Brown; 1817-1819, Asa Gage; 1820-1821, Nathan Herrick; 1822-1824, Josiah Brown; 1825, Job Seamans, Jr.

Town Treasurers.

1811, Josiah Brown; 1817, Josiah Brown; 1818, Capt. Daniel Woodbury; 1819, Capt. Daniel Woodbury.

Selectmen.

1801.—Levi Harvey, Esq., Lieut. Joseph Colby, Josiah Brown.

1802.—Levi Harvey, Esq., Josiah Brown, Lieut. Joseph Colby.

1803.—Josiah Brown, Joseph Colby, Benjamin Woodbury.

1804.—Josiah Brown, Joseph Colby, Esq., Anthony Sargent.

1805.—Josiah Brown, Joseph Colby, James Minot.

1806.—Josiah Brown, Joseph Colby, James Minot.

1807.—Josiah Brown, Joseph Colby, Anthony Sargent.

1808.—Josiah Brown, Joseph Colby, Anthony Sargent.

1809.—Josiah Brown, Daniel Woodbury, Nathan Herrick.

1810.—Josiah Brown, Job Seamans, Jr., Capt. Amos B. Currier.*

1811.—Josiah Brown, Job Seamans, Jr., Nathan Herrick.

1812.—Josiah Brown, Job Seamans, Jr., Nathan Herrick.

1813.—Josiah Brown, Joseph Messer, Jonathan Greeley.

1814.—Josiah Brown, Joseph Messer, Jonathan Greeley.

1815.—Josiah Brown, Dr. Robert Lane, Asa Gage.

1816.—Josiah Brown, Dr. Robert Lane, Asa Gage.

1817.—Capt. Daniel Woodbury, Jonathan Gage, Isaac Messer.

1818.—Capt. Daniel Woodbury, Jonathan Gage, Isaac Messer.

1819.—Capt. Daniel Woodbury, Nathan Herrick, Samuel Greenwood.

1820.—Nathan Herrick, Job Seamans, Jr., Jeremiah Burpee.

* "Capt. Amos B. Currier, one of the Selectmen of New London, died Feb. 1, 1811. The surviving selectmen deeply deplore his early exit," is inscribed within a heavy black border on p. 178 of the first selectmen's book.

1821.—Nathan Herrick, Job Seamans, Jr., Jeremiah Burpee.

1822.—Josiah Brown, Jonathan Gage, Thomas Burpee, 3d.

1823.—Josiah Brown, Job Seamans, Jr., Nathan Herrick.

1824.—Josiah Brown, Nathan Herrick, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.

1825.—Job Seamans, Jr., Thomas Burpee, 3d, Samuel Greenwood.

Representatives to the General Court.

1801, Joseph Colby; 1802, Thomas Wadleigh (of Sutton); 1803–1816, Lieut. Joseph Colby; 1817–1819, Capt. Daniel Woodbury; 1820, Jonathan Gage; 1821–1822, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; 1823–1824, Josiah Brown; 1825, Capt. Moses S. Harvey.

Highway Surveyors.

1801.—Levi Harvey, Joseph Messer, Jeremiah Pingree, Eliphalet Woodward, Ebenezer Shepard, Jr., Penuel Everett, Benjamin Philbrick, David Gile, Amasa Sargent, John Russell. (Capt. Thomas Currier was chosen Oct. 24, in place of David Gile, deceased.)

1802.—Lieut. Thomas Burpee, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Benjamin Adams, Josiah Davis, John Adams, Jr., Ebenezer Sargent, Daniel Woodbury, John Stinson, James Philbrick, Nicholas Holt, Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Josiah Brown.

1803.—Eliphalet Woodward, William Gay, Joseph Trussell, Daniel March, Greene French, Levi Harvey, Esq., Job Seamans, Jr., Capt. Solomon Adams, Lieut. Jonathan Herrick, Ezekiel Knowlton, Jr., James Philbrick, John Russell.

1804.—Jabez Morrill, Benjamin Woodbury, Amasa Sargent, Benjamin Straw, Ezekiel Knowlton, John Slack, Asa Burpee, Ezekiel Knowlton, Jr., Jonathan Everett, Penuel Everett, Jonathan Greeley.

1805.—Levi Harvey, Jr., Jesse Shepard, Josiah Davis, Capt. Thomas Currier, Samuel Prescott, John Stickney, Jeremiah Burpee, David Everett, John Dole, Jeremiah Pingree, Eliphalet Woodward, Joseph Harvey, Jabez Morrill, Joseph Colby.

1806.—Nathan Herrick, Ezekiel Knowlton, Jr., Ephraim Gile, Daniel March, Benjamin Woodbury, Esq., Theophilus

Cram, Lieut. Levi Everett, John Sargent, Moses Trussell, Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting, John Clay, James Philbrick.

1807.—Moses Currier, Benjamin Philbrick, John Pike, James Minot, Nathaniel S. Messer, James How Messer, Moses Adams, Stephen Currier, Joseph Messer, Eliphalet Woodward, Ezekiel Sargent, Benjamin Straw, David Smith.

1808.—Nathaniel Fales, Jr., Lieut. Thomas Burpee, Capt. John Woodman, John Stinson, Henry Achilles, Joseph Colby, Esq., Benjamin Bunker, William Sargent, Joseph Cram, Lieut. Amasa Sargent, Ensign Amos Currier, Henry Morgan.

1809.—Lieut. Jonathan Herrick, Jedediah Jewett, Jr., Isaac Messer, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Levi Harvey, Hezekiah Adams, Theophilus Cram, Job Seamans, Jr., James Hayes, John Stinson, Benjamin Woodbury, Jonathan Clark, Henry Morgan. (Daniel Woodbury chosen June 12, in place of Benjamin Woodbury, deceased.)

1810.—Capt. Thomas Currier, Josiah Davis, Benjamin Adams, Nathaniel Fales, Jeremiah Burpee, Manley G. Woodbury, Joseph Harvey, Esq., Penuel Everett, Ebenezer Sargent, Stephen Sargent, Joseph Messer, Moody Clement.

1811.—James How Messer, Joseph Trussell, Ebenezer Shepard, Jr., Edmund Davis, Jr., John Pike, Robert Knowlton, Ephraim Gile, Thomas Burpee, 3d, Joseph Wood, Theophilus Cram, Jeremiah Pingree, Joseph Colby, Esq.

1812.—John Currier, Peter Sargent, Jr., Robert Knowlton, Daniel March, Nathaniel Messer, Capt. John Woodman, Lieut. Levi Everett, Joseph Cram, John Sargent, Jonathan Everett, Jr., Jesse Shepard, Israel Hunting.

1813.—Jesse Dow, John Williams, Jr., Peter Eaton, Nathan Herrick, Benjamin Gile, Benjamin Adams, James Hayes, Otis Everett, Jonathan Herrick, Jr., James Colby, James Woodward, Abner Whittier.

1814.—Enoch Davis, John Pike, Samuel Knowlton, Joel Fletcher, Thomas Burpee, Jr., William Clark, Greene French, Anthony Colby, David Everett, John Morgan, 3d, Solomon Adams.

1815.—Daniel Robinson, Anthony Sargent, Henry Morgan, Isaac Messer, Nathaniel Messer, Edmund Davis, James Wood-

ward, Ebenezer Sargent, Eliphalet Woodward, Perley Burpee, Daniel Woodbury, James Stinson, Joseph Folsom.

1816.—John Morgan, Jr., Amos Page, Jonathan Gage, Nathaniel Fales, Jr., Thomas Burpee, 3d, Evans Dow, Moses Adams, Isaac Bunker, Job Seamans, Jr., John Brown, Joseph Trussell, Otis Everett, Caleb Harriman. (Daniel Woodbury chosen May 15, in place of Joseph Trussell, deceased.)

1817.—Capt. John Pike, Matthew H. Sargent, Jeremiah Adams, Nathaniel Kimball, John Williams, William Clark, James H. Pillsbury, John Rogers, Manning Seamans, Nathaniel Bunker, Eliphalet Gay, Jr., John Hayes, Perley Muzzey, Jesse Shepard.

1818.—John Currier, Asa Gage, Theophilus B. Adams, Samuel Burpee, Jeremiah Burpee, Levi Harvey, John Gates, James Hutchins, John Morgan, 3d, Capt. Solomon Adams, Ezekiel Trussell, James Stinson, Caleb Harriman, Jesse Shepard.

1819.—Nathan Herrick, Jedediah Jewett, Jr., Henry Morgan, David S. Gile, Daniel March, Jr., Samuel Greenwood, Hezekiah Adams, Joseph Messer, Ezekiel Sargent, John Woodward, Jedediah P. Sabin, Israel Hunting, Perley Muzzey, Jesse Shepard.

1820.—John Davis, Samuel S. Knowlton, William Morgan, Jesse Blake, Jr., Thomas Burpee, 3d, Benjamin E. Woodman, Moses Adams, Jr., Benjamin Bunker, Gideon Wilkins, Jeremiah Pingree, Jr., Daniel Woodbury, Otis Everett, Jesse Shepard, Caleb Harriman.

1821.—Daniel Sargent, John Pike, William Todd, John Page, Jr., Jeremiah Burpee, Zaccheus Messer, Daniel Bickford, James Woodward, Stephen Sargent, Jr., Anthony Colby, Greene French, John King, Perley Muzzey.

1822.—John Currier, Jeremiah Adams, Anthony Sargent, Aaron Young, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Isaac Bunker, Levi Everett, Perley Burpee, Ezekiel Trussell, Benjamin Bunker, Jr., Eliphalet Gay, Caleb Harriman, Jesse Shepard, James H. Messer, Jr.

1823.—Amos Page, Jedediah Jewett, Benjamin Williams, Horatio Fales, Moses Burpee, Robinson Messer, James Colby, Samuel Carr, Joseph Putney, Asa Pingree, Daniel Woodbury, Amial Shepard, Perley Muzzey, Moses Shepard.

1824.—John Page, 3d, Jonathan Gage, William Morgan, Jedediah P. Sabin, Thomas Burpee, 3d, John Morgan, 3d, John Gates, John Brown, John J. Sargent, Caleb Harriman, William Gay, Jr., Greene French, Aaron Shepard, Samuel Greenwood, Anthony Colby, Moses Harvey.

1825.—Matthew H. Sargent, Samuel S. Knowiton, Jacob Harvey, Wesley P. Burpee, James H. Messer, Levi H. Morgan, David Everett, William Messer, Stephen Whittier, John Trussell, James Stinson, Perley Muzzey, Moses Shepard, John Hutchins.

Constables and Collectors.

1801–1802, Jesse Shepard; 1803, David Smith; 1804, Levi Everett; 1805, Daniel Woodbury; 1806, Joseph Harvey; 1807, Levi Harvey, Jr.; 1808, Nathan Herrick; 1809, Levi Harvey; 1810, Zaccheus Messer; 1811, Ebenezer Shepard, Jr.; 1812–1815, Jeremiah Burpee; 1816, John Morgan, 3d; 1817–1818, Jeremiah Burpee; 1819, John Morgan, 3d; 1820, Israel Hunting; 1821–1822, Jeremiah Adams; 1823, Isaac Woodward; 1824–1825, Israel Hunting.

Sealers of Weights and Measures.

1801–1816, Josiah Brown; 1817, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.; 1818–1821, Manning Seamans; 1822–1825, Evans Dow.

Sealers of Leather.

1804–1810, Asa Burpee; 1811–1813, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; 1814–1816, Perley Burpee; 1817, Perley Burpee, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; 1818, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Perley Burpee, Asa Gage; 1819, John Gates, David Gay, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; 1820, Perley Burpee, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; 1821, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; 1822–1824, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Perley Burpee; 1825, Thomas Burpee, Jr.

Pound-Keepers.

1809–1812, Capt. John Woodman; 1813, Edmund Davis; 1814–1817, William Clark; 1818, Edmund Davis, Jr.; 1819, Jesse Dow; 1820–1821, Benjamin E. Woodman; 1822, Samuel Greenwood; 1823, Capt. Benjamin E. Woodman; 1824–1825, Edmund Davis.

Keepers of the State Map.

1817, William Clark : 1821, Isaac Colby.

Tithingmen.

- 1801.—Ebenezer Sargent, Jr., Amasa Sargent.
 - 1802.—Jesse Dow, Josiah Davis.
 - 1803.—Jesse Dow, Josiah Davis.
 - 1804.—Josiah Davis, Caleb Segur, Amasa Sargent.
 - 1805.—Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting.
 - 1806.—Anthony Sargent, Amasa Sargent.
 - 1807.—Theophilus Cram, Jeremiah Pingree.
 - 1808.—Ebenezer Sargent, Theophilus Cram, Isaac Messer.
- Penuel Everett.
- 1809.—Nathaniel Fales, Theophilus Cram.
 - 1810.—Stephen Sargent, Spencer Clark.
 - 1811.—Capt. John Woodman, Jesse Dow.
 - 1812.—Theophilus Cram, Jonathan Greeley.
 - 1813.—John Page, Theophilus Cram.
 - 1814.—Jeremiah Pingree, Jr., Abner Whittier.
 - 1815.—Capt. Thomas Currier, John Page, Ebenezer Sargent, Nathaniel Fales.
 - 1816.—John Page, Nathaniel Fales, Jr.
 - 1817.—Caleb Harriman, William Sargent.
 - 1818.—Lieut. Levi Everett, Anthony Sargent.
 - 1819.—James Hayes, Jonas Shepard, Asa Gage.
 - 1820.—Capt. Daniel Woodbury, Jonathan Gage.
 - 1821.—Capt. Daniel Woodbury, Jonathan Gage.
 - 1822.—Daniel Woodbury, Esq., John Hayes.
 - 1823.—Daniel Bickford, Jonathan Greeley.
 - 1824.—Ebenezer Shepard, Dea. Zebedee Hayes.
 - 1825.—Job Seamans, Jr., Samuel Greenwood.

Fence Viewers.

- 1801.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, John Slack, Lieut. Thomas Burpee, Capt. Thomas Currier.
- 1802.—Jedediah Jewett, Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, John Adams, Jr.
- 1803.—Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Major Eliphalet Gay, Capt. Thomas Currier.

- 1804.—Capt. John Morgan, John Adams, Maj. Eliphalet Gay.
 1805.—Capt. John Woodman, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury.
 1806.—Capt. John Woodman, Capt. Thomas Currier, Benjamin Woodbury, Esq., Zaccheus Messer, Moses Currier, Samuel Prescott.
 1807.—Capt. John Woodman, Benjamin Woodbury, Esq., Anthony Sargent.
 1808.—Capt. Thomas Currier, Ebenezer Shepard, Jr., Edmund Davis.
 1809.—Capt. Thomas Currier, Benjamin Woodbury, Esq., John Adams.
 1810.—Daniel Woodbury, Spencer Clark, Nathan Herrick, David Everett, Nathaniel Fales, Jr.
 1811.—Capt. Thomas Currier, Ebenezer Sargent, Jesse Shepard.
 1812.—Capt. Thomas Currier, Ebenezer Sargent, Edmund Davis.
 1813.—Ezekiel Sargent, John Page.
 1814.—Capt. Thomas Currier, Peter Eaton, Ebenezer Hunting.
 1815.—Joseph Colby, Joseph Harvey, Capt. John Woodman, Ebenezer Shepard, Daniel March, Capt. Thomas Currier.
 1816.—Ebenezer Sargent, Nathan Herrick, James Hayes.
 1817.—Capt. Thomas Currier, James Hayes, David Everett.
 1818.—Ebenezer Shepard, Ebenezer Sargent, Capt. Thomas Currier.
 1819.—Dea. Peter Sargent, John Rogers, John Morgan, 3d.
 1820.—John Adams, Anthony Sargent, Ebenezer Sargent.
 1821.—Ebenezer Sargent, Benjamin E. Woodman, Asa Gage.
 1822.—Nathan Herrick, Anthony Colby, David Everett, James Stinson.
 1823.—Nathan Herrick, Ebenezer Sargent, Jonathan Greeley.
 1824.—John Brown, Moses Adams, Jr., William Gay.
 1825.—Josiah Brown, Esq., Daniel Sargent, Evans Dow.

Surveyors of Lumber.

- 1801.—Stephen Sargent, Josiah Brown.
 1802.—Stephen Sargent, Penuel Everett.

1803.—Josiah Brown, Levi Harvey, Esq., Stephen Sargent, Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard.

1804.—Josiah Brown, Lieut. Robert Knowlton, Stephen Sargent.

1805.—Joseph Harvey, Stephen Sargent.

1806.—Josiah Brown, Stephen Sargent, Samuel Messer, Jr.

1807.—Stephen Sargent, Benjamin Woodbury, Esq.

1808.—Josiah Brown, Stephen Sargent, Joseph Harvey, Esq., Obediah Clough.

1809.—Stephen Sargent, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.

1810.—Josiah Brown, Stephen Sargent, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.

1811.—Josiah Brown, Stephen Sargent, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.

1812.—Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Isaac Messer.

1813.—Josiah Brown.

1814.—Stephen Sargent, Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Daniel March, Joseph Harvey.

1815.—Stephen Sargent, Nathan Herrick.

1816.—John Brown, Nathaniel Fales, Jr., Daniel Davis, Daniel Woodbury.

1817.—Nathaniel Fales, Jr., Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Levi Harvey, Israel Hunting.

1818.—Levi Harvey, Jonathan Harvey, Jesse Blake.

1819.—Levi Harvey, Jesse Blake, Jr., Israel Hunting.

1820.—Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Stephen Sargent, Jesse Blake, Jr.

1821.—Stephen Sargent, Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Israel Hunting, Nathaniel Fales, Jr.

1822.—John Page, Jr., Jonathan Herrick, Jr., James Stinson.

1823.—John Page, Jr., Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Jeremiah Adams.

1824.—John Page, 3d, James Stinson, Levi H. Morgan, Stephen Sargent.

1825.—John Page, James Stinson, Daniel M. Everett.

Culler of Staves and Heading.

1823-1824.—Edmund Davis.

Hogreeves.

1801.—Lieut. Levi Everett, Benjamin Philbrick, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, Anthony Sargent, James How Messer, Jesse Dow.

1802.—Stephen Sargent, Benjamin Straw, Lieut. Levi Everett.

1803.—Jonathan Woodbury, Edmund Davis, James How Messer, Levi Everett, Benjamin Bunker, John Shepard, Job Seamans, Jr., Abner Whittier, Josiah Davis.

1804.—Nicholas Holt, Ezekiel Knowlton, Jr., Amasa Sargent, Edward Chadwick, Stephen Sargent, Job Seamans, Jr., Jonathan Woodbury, Samuel Dow, Jacob Messer, Jeremiah Burpee, Solomon Adams, Jr., Penuel Everett, Caleb Segur, John Dole.

1805.—Daniel Woodbury, John Shepard, Capt. John Woodman, Benjamin Woodbury, William Chesley, Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard, James Philbrick, Enoch Davis, Levi Everett, Henry Achilles.

1806.—Isaac Messer, Joel Fletcher, Nathan Herrick, Jedediah Jewett, Jr., Samuel Messer, Esq., Joseph Colby, Esq., Robert Fowler, James Philbrick, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting, Levi Harvey, Jr., Benjamin Woodbury, Benjamin Bunker, Ephraim Gile.

1807.—Samuel Fowler, Abner Whittier, Peter Sargent, Jr., Daniel March, Ezekiel Sargent, Manley G. Woodbury, Joseph Wood.

1808.—Nathaniel Fales, Jr., David Smith, William Clark, Job Seamans, Jr., Theophilus Adams, John Pike.

1809.—Edmund Davis, Jr., Israel Hunting, James Hayes, Manley G. Woodbury.

1810.—Peter Sargent, Jonathan Clark, Nathaniel Bunker, Capt. Amos B. Currier, Zaccheus Messer.

1811.—James Hayes, Jonathan Everett, Jr., Joseph Putney, Manning Seamans, J. H. Slack, Samuel Fales, Joseph Cram, Thomas Burpee, Jr.

1812.—Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Benjamin Gile, Evans Dow.

1813.—Asa Pingree, Phineas Whittier, Hezekiah Adams, Thomas Burpee, 3d.

1814.—John Currier, Jesse Shepard, Matthew Sargent, Samuel Knowlton, Jeremiah Pingree, Jr., Daniel Davis, Thomas Burpee, 3d.

1815.—Joseph Trussell, Anthony Colby, Amos Page, John Hayes, James Woodward, Benjamin E. Woodman, John Currier.

1816.—Otis Everett, Samuel Morgan, Jonathan Everett, Jr., John Brown, Samuel Burpee, James Stinson, Dea. Zebedee Hayes.

1817.—Abraham Adams, Perley Burpee, James H. Pillsbury, Timothy Messer, Samuel Greenwood, Milton Everett, Charles Gay, Samuel Morgan.

1818.—Osgood Whittier, John Davis, Jesse Dow, Jr., James Hutchins, Daniel Sargent.

1819.—Nathaniel Messer, Eliphalet Gay, Daniel M. Everett, Ezekiel Sargent, Isaac Haseltine, Daniel March, Jr., Aaron Young, John Page, Jr., John Hutchins.

1820.—David Gay, Moses Adams, Jr., Theophilus B. Adams, William Messer, Stephen Sargent, Benjamin Williams, James How Messer, John Hutchins, Caleb Harriman, Richard Everett.

1821.—John Woodward, John Clement, Samuel Messer, Samuel Carr.

1822.—William Morgan, Robinson Messer, Peter Adams.

1823.—Daniel Bickford, Isaac Bunker, Samuel S. Knowlton, Ira Smith, Baruch C. Clement, David S. Gile.

1824.—John Page, 3d, Moses Burpee, Moses Shepard, Seth F. Sargent, Samuel Shepard, Stephen Herrick, Dea. Zebedee Hayes, Levi H. Morgan, John March.

1825.—Horace Fales, Nathaniel S. Messer, Wesley P. Burpee, William Blanchard, Capt. Jonathan Herrick, Jacob Morgan, Stephen Whittier, John J. Sargent, John Bunker, Amial Shepard, Samuel Shepard, Stephen Herrick.

Field Drivers.

1804.—Capt. John Woodman, Joseph Colby, Esq., Levi Harvey, Esq., Nathaniel S. Messer, Benjamin Adams, John Russell.

1810.—Capt. John Woodman, Lieut. Thomas Burpee.

Auditors.

1804.—Lieut. Robert Knowlton, Jonathan Woodbury, Capt. Solomon Adams.

1805.—Lieut. Robert Knowlton, Jonathan Woodbury, Daniel Woodbury, Joseph Harvey.

1806.—Benjamin Adams, Joseph Harvey, Benjamin Woodbury, Esq.

1807.—Joseph Harvey, Benjamin Adams, Benjamin Woodbury, Esq.

1808.—Joseph Harvey, Esq., Daniel Woodbury, Joseph Trussell.

1809.—Joseph Harvey, Esq., Joseph Messer, Levi Harvey.

1810.—Moses Trussell, Capt. John Woodman, Capt. Thomas Currier.

1811.—Moses Trussell, Daniel Woodbury, David Everett.

1812.—Daniel Woodbury, Greene French, David Everett.

1813.—John Adams, Job Seamans, Jr., David Everett.

1814.—Jonathan Herrick, Jr., John Pike, Daniel Woodbury.

1815.—Capt. Solomon Adams, Capt. Nathan Herrick, Capt. Stephen Sargent.

1816.—Job Seamans, Jr., Jonathan Greeley, Nathaniel Kimball.

1817.—Josiah Brown, Nathaniel Kimball, Amos Page.

1818.—Josiah Brown, Greene French, Levi Harvey.

1819.—Josiah Brown, Levi Harvey, Jonathan Gage.

1820.—Daniel Woodbury, Josiah Brown, Thomas Burpee, 3d.

1821.—Josiah Brown, Daniel Woodbury, Stephen Sargent.

1822.—Nathan Herrick, Job Seamans, Jr., Jeremiah Burpee.

1823.—Levi Harvey, Anthony Colby, Thomas Burpee, 3d.

1824.—Greene French, John Gates, Daniel Woodbury.

1825.—Josiah Brown, Jeremiah Adams, Asa Gage.

Grand Jurors.

1801, Capt. Thomas Currier; 1802, Lieut. Joseph Colby; 1803, Joseph Colby, Esq.; 1804, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; 1805, Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury; 1806, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting; 1807, Joseph Harvey; 1808, Josiah Brown; 1809, Joseph Colby, Esq.; 1810, Joseph Messer; 1814, Capt. John Woodman; 1815, Josiah Brown; 1816, Greene French; 1817, David Everett; 1818, Capt. Nathan Herrick; 1819, Job Seamans, Jr.; 1820, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.; 1821, Isaac Messer; 1822, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; 1823, Joseph Colby; 1824, Israel Hunting; 1825, Greene French, Esq.

Petit Jurors.

1805.—Capt. John Woodman, Lieut. Robert Knowlton; Penuel Everett, Joseph Trussell.

1807.—Greene French, Joseph Messer; Anthony Sargent, Capt. Thomas Currier.

1808.—Moses Trussell, Job Seamans, Jr.; Stephen Sargent, Daniel Woodbury.

1809.—Greene French, Asa Burpee; Capt. Thomas Currier, Joseph Messer.

1810.—Joseph Harvey, Esq., Anthony Sargent; Penuel Everett, Greene French.

1814.—Solomon Adams, Capt. Thomas Currier; Joseph Colby, Jonathan Greeley.

1815.—James How Messer, Stephen Sargent; Benjamin Adams, Anthony Sargent; Nathan Herrick, Joseph Messer.

1816.—Asa Gage, Job Seamans, Jr.; Peter Sargent, David Everett.

1817.—Jonathan Greeley, Daniel March; Greene French, Josiah Brown; Lieut. Isaac Messer, Lieut. Levi Everett.

1818.—Capt. Thomas Currier, William Clark; Levi Harvey, Ebenezer Sargent; Asa Gage, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.

1819.—Joseph Colby, Esq., Ebenezer Shepard; Anthony Sargent, Theophilus B. Adams; Nathan Herrick, Jonathan Gage.

1820.—Josiah Brown, Greene French; Gideon Wilkins.

1821.—Jonathan Greeley, Jeremiah Burpee.

1822.—Job Seamans, Jr., Anthony Colby.

1823.—Jonathan Gage.

1824.—David Everett.

1825.—Capt. Jonathan Herrick, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.

School Committees.

1809.—Josiah Brown, Daniel Woodbury, Nathan Herrick.

1810.—Josiah Brown, Daniel Woodbury, Amos Currier, Job Seamans, Jr.

1811.—Elder Job Seamans, Josiah Brown, Job Seamans, Jr., Nathan Herrick.

1813.—Joseph Messer, Jonathan Greeley, Jonathan Herrick, Jr.

1819.—Asa Gage, Nathan Herrick, David S. Gile, Isaac Messer, Job Seamans, Jr., Joseph Colby, Esq., John Hayes, James Greeley, John King, Levi Harvey.

1820.—Asa Gage, Nathan Herrick, David S. Gile, Nathaniel Messer, Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Isaac Colby, James Greeley, Daniel W. Shepard, John King, Perley Muzzey, Levi Harvey, Jedediah P. Sabin, Jeremiah Pingree, Jr., John Morgan, 3d.

1821.—Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Isaac Colby, Daniel Woodbury.

1822.—Dr. John Foster, Capt. Nathan Herrick, Capt. Moses Harvey.

1823.—Dr. John Foster, Capt. Moses Harvey, Capt. Jonathan Herrick, Jr.

1824.—Jonathan Herrick, Jr., Josiah Brown, Joseph Colby.

1825.—Capt. Moses S. Harvey, Capt. Jonathan Herrick, Jeremiah Adams, Daniel W. Shepard, Elder Joseph Davis.

CHAPTER VI.

GENEALOGIES OF FAMILIES LIVING IN NEW LONDON FROM 1801 TO 1825 INCLUSIVE, TOGETHER WITH THE ORIGIN AND DESCENT OF THOSE WHO REMOVED HITHER DURING THOSE YEARS.

As implied in the above heading, the limits of this volume have not permitted, except in a few notable instances, even short biographical sketches of those worthy descendants of the pioneers who became the fathers and mothers of families resident in New London during the second and subsequent periods of the town's history. The origin and descent of newcomers have been given, however, so far as they have been contributed or ascertained. The references in brackets are to preceding pages of this volume.

Genealogies, Second Period.

ABBOT, THEODORE.—George Abbot, the ancestor of many distinguished Americans, emigrated from Yorkshire, England, about 1640, and settled at Andover, Mass. His son Thomas,

b. May 6, 1666, m. Hannah Gray, and res. at Andover. George, the son of Thomas, settled in Concord, N. H., as early as 1732, and became a prominent citizen there. His son Stephen m. Mary, dau. of Ephraim and Mary (Simons) Gile of Sutton, b. March 24, 1754, and before his comparatively early demise was the father of seven children, one of whom was Theodore, b. Feb. 23, 1784. After his father's death, Theodore found a home in N. L. with his uncle, David Gile [103], and lived with him till June 27, 1809, when he m. Mary, dau. of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah Burpee [79], and removed to Springfield. Later he lived in N. L., Dover, and Sunapee, dying at the latter place. His widow m. (2), Jacob Worthen, a former resident of N. L. The children of Theodore and Mary (Burpee) Abbot were,—

1. Amasa S., b. April 21, 1810; m., Jan. 11, 1835, Mahala Chase, and res. in Springfield. Children: Diantha, b. Oct. 25, 1835; Marietta, who d. young. Amasa was named for Capt. Amasa Sargent, who had both the first saw-mill and grist-mill at Otterville.
2. Stephen, b. Feb. 25, 1812; m., Jan. 24, 1844, Sarah, dau. of Jacob and Sarah (Bohonan) Kidder of Springfield, where they res.
3. Sally, b. Aug. 1, 1814; m., April 20, 1834, Albert, son of Jacob and Betsey (Sargent) Worthen, and res. in N. L.
4. Mary A., b. N. L., Oct. 11, 1816; m., June 12, 1836, Asa, son of Asa and Hulda (Towle) Chase, and res. in Springfield.
5. Martha, b. Dec. 14, 1818; d. June 27, 1819.
6. Elias B., b. July 25, 1820; m., Dec. 4, 1844, Lorinda, dau. of Joshua Bartlett of Sunapee, and res. in that town and in Lempster.
7. Abigail, b. Nov. 7, 1823; m., Dec. 29, 1843, Elbridge G., son of Metaphor Chase of Sunapee, and res. in Warner.
8. Thomas, b. Dec. 25, 1826; m. a dau. of Thomas Kidder; owned the upper Kidder mill in Springfield; res. for a time in N. L., and built the house now owned by Mrs. Maria Messer. It was Thomas Abbot who moved the house on the "Baker place" to a site opposite the fair-ground, and res. there for a short time. In 1888 this building was moved across the road, and is now used as a restaurant.
9. Lois, b. Sept. 27, 1829; m. James Eastman of Springfield, where they res.

10. Harris, b. Dec. 5, 1831; d. 1850.

11. Lydia J., b. April 9, 1834; m. David Jones, and res. on old homestead in Sunapee.

ADAMS, ABRAHAM.—Married, Aug. 27, 1815, Dolly, dau. of Lieut. Levi and Lucy (Titus) Everett [95], and res. in N. L. and Levant, Me. Children, b. in N. L.:

1. Charles, b. July 24, 1821.

2. Harriet, b. Nov. 25, 1822.

ADAMS, HEZEKIAH.—Son of John and Molly (Brocklebank) Adams [69], b. June 20, 1786; m. Dec. 17, 1812, Margaret, dau. of John and Nancy Stinson [162]. Hezekiah built the first house on the John Ellis place, and lived there until 1830, when he built and moved into the Job Cross house. Hezekiah d. Andover, Jan. 12, 1847; Margaret d. Vermillion, Dakota, May 6, 1876. Children:

1. Mary Jane, b. Jan. 27, 1814; m., February, 1836, Simeon Drake of North Bridgewater, Mass.; went to Wisconsin.

2. Nancy, b. May 24, 1815; m. (1) Allen, son of Eli and Rhoda (Drake) Haskins of Grafton. Allen, b. Grafton, March 27, 1809, was a shoemaker; res. at Andover Centre, where he d. They had four daus. Nancy m. (2) Rev. David Cooper; res in N. L. and Sutton Mills.

ADAMS, JEREMIAH.—Born April 15, 1793, the son of Benjamin and Judith Adams [66]. Returned to N. L. from Massachusetts, and res. in West Part. Children:

1. Mary Lovejoy, b. Oct. 16, 1813.

2. Hannah Rollins, b. Dec. 12, 1815.

3. Benjamin, b. June 24, 1818.

4. Sarah, b. May 12, 1820.

5. Ursula, b. Jan. 16, 1823; d. Aug. 27, 1825.

6. Calista, b. July 18, 1825.

ADAMS, MOSES.—Son of Moses and Dolly (Perley) Adams [70], b. Aug. 22, 1792; m., Dec. 29, 1819, Betsey, dau. of John and Nancy Stinson [162]. Moses built the Perley house about 1818. After Moses, Sr., sold to Benjamin Gay he res. in the Perley house, and Moses, Jr., built and res. in the Woodbury house. After a time he sold to Isaac Pattee, and res. with his father. Children:

1. Anna, b. Oct. 4, 1820; m., March, 1840, Martin Packard of North Bridgewater, Mass.

2. Dolly, b. Nov. 22, 1825; m., and went to North Bridgewater.
3. Sarah S., b. Oct. 15, 1833; d. April 23, 1834.
4. Mary E., b. June 25, 1838; m. David Chandler of Grafton, where she res.; d. in 1895.

ADAMS, SOLOMON.—Son of Solomon and Mary (Collins) Adams [70], b. 1780; m. Mary, dau. of Joseph and Phebe (Fellows) Collins of Springfield, and res. in N. L. and Springfield; was a carpenter. Solomon built the Joseph Adams house, in which three generations have lived. He d. June 22, 1851. His widow d. Dec. 15, 1879, aged 86 years. Children:

1. Mary Esther, b. May 29, 1814; m., Oct. 25, 1834, Ija, son of William and Abigail (Carpenter) Gay, and res. in N. L. and Corinth, Me.
2. Miranda S., b. Oct. 19, 1816; never m.; res. in N. L., with her brother Joseph C.
3. Dennis H., b. Nov. 16, 1819; m., Sept. 21, 1850, Betsey Ann, dau. of Dea. Dexter and Betsey (Pingree) Everett, and res. in N. L. and Sutton.
4. Joseph C., b. July 31, 1824; m., Nov. 29, 1857, Ann Elizabeth, dau. of John Wiggin of Springfield, and res. in N. L.
5. Norman B., b. Dec. 22, 1828; m., Nov. 6, 1852, his cousin, Hannah A. J., dau. of Jesse M. and Susanna (Collins) Sargent of Dunbarton, and res. in N. L.

ADAMS, REV. THEOPHILUS.—Son of Benjamin and Judith Adams [66], b. Feb. 18, 1789; m., about 1807, Jemima, dau. of Capt. Robert and Jemima Knowlton [119], and res. at Newbury, Mass.; enlisted in the War of 1812, and received a life pension because of wounds. Mr. Adams returned to N. L. in 1820; was ordained to the ministry at N. L., May 29, 1822, and removed to South Acworth in 1823. Jemima d. Jan. 28, 1819, leaving six children, and he m. (2) Lydia Bagley of Acworth, and d. in 1831. Children by first wife:

1. Jeremiah, m. Emily Currier.
2. Louisa, m. Asa Sargent.
3. Rebecca D., m. Ephraim Collins.
4. Theophilus B., m. Fanny Currier; res. Nashua.
5. Joseph M., m. Abigail Weed.
6. Alpheus.

BICKFORD, DANIEL.—Daniel Bickford, b. March 20, 1782, was a native of one of the towns near Lake Winnipiseogee. He came to N. L. in 1806, and on Nov. 27 of that year m.

Patty, dau. of John and Molly (Brocklebank) Adams [68], and established his home in Sheffield (or Glover), Vt.; but owing to the draining of Glover pond he returned to N. L. in 1813. He had several locations, but probably res. longest at the "Baker place" now owned by Fred B. Gay. Patty d. May 29, 1822, having borne him six children, and Daniel m. (2) Betsey, dau. of Simeon and Betsey (Youngman) Blood. She is said to have always worn short skirts, and was so industrious that she took her knitting-work to funerals. Daniel was a deacon of the Christian church. Children :

1. Mary, b. Dec. 13, 1808; m. Luke, son of Ebenezer and Mary (Headlock) Blood, and res. in N. L.
2. Susan, b. Feb. 13, 1811; m. Jonathan Sarborn of Springfield, and res. in Billerica, Mass.
3. Martha, b. Jan. 15, 1813; m. (1) Rev. Asa Morrison, a travelling preacher; m. (2) a farmer; m. (3) Rev. Mr. Groun-
endyke, a Methodist minister.
4. Hepzibah, b. Jan. 26, 1815; m. Enoch Gordon, and res. for a short time at Otterville; d. at Lempster.
5. Hezekiah Cook, b. April 27, 1817; m., June 17, 1846, Paulina A., dau. of Prescott Coburn of Dracut, Mass., and res. in N. L.
6. Daniel, b. Dec. 25, 1819; m., May 1, 1849, Roxana B., dau. of John Cross of Hanover, and res. in N. L.
7. Simeon, m. twice; res. at Grand Rapids, Mich. He had Truman and Algernon.
8. Ebenezer, res. in Reading, Mass., where he m. and had two daus., and a son,
 - (1). Daniel Truman, b. Norway, Me., Jan. 15, 1854; m., Aug. 17, 1875, his cousin Hattie May, dau. of Daniel and Roxana (Cross) Bickford, b. July 26, 1857. Daniel T. res. in Reading, and is chief clerk to H. Bissell, civil engineer for B. & M. R. R., Boston. Hattie d. Sept. 14, 1886. Their children, who have since res. in N. L. with their grandfather, are,—(a) Florence May, b. April 28, 1877; graduated from Colby academy in 1896; has since been assistant cashier with a large firm in Haverhill, Mass., and studying voice culture under Mme. Sargent Goodelle. (b) Elizabeth Pearl, b. May 24, 1880; is a member of the class of 1898, Colby academy. (c) Frank Carroll, b. April 11, 1883. (d) Hattie May, b. Aug. 25, 1886.
9. Truman, was killed in the Mexican War.

BLAKE, JESSE.—Jesse Blake followed Amasa Sargent [136] as the owner of the mill lot at Otterville. It is thought that he came from Weare to N. L. In 1821 Blake sold to Jacob Harvey, and removed to the West. His wife was b. Dolly Crocker. They had,—

1. Abigail, m. Daniel March; res. in N. L.
2. Betsey, m. Jeremiah, son of Lieut. Thomas and Joanna (Foster) Burpee, and res. in N. L.
3. Jesse, res. in N. L. in 1819 and 1820; later was in Sutton, where he d. about 1837. Betsey, his wife, d. Nov. 25, 1856, aged 72 years. Children: Jesse C. P., Westley, Erastus, Mary O., Mansel.
4. Dolly, m. Daniel March (his second wife); res. in N. L.
5. Lydia, m. Thomas, son of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah Burpee, and res. in N. L.
6. Mary, m., March 1, 1820, William, son of Zaccheus and Hannah (Hutchins) Messer, and res. in N. L.
7. David, m. Rhapsima, dau. of David and Phebe (Mastin) Gile.
8. Samuel. He may have been the Samuel Blake who was one of the Sutton hogreeves in 1823.

BLOOD, SIMEON.—The American ancestor of the Blood family settled in Concord, Mass., as early as 1643. At the time of the Revolutionary War, Simeon Blood with fifteen of his kinsmen enlisted from Hollis, Mass., and four of the company fell at Bunker Hill. Simeon was at Bennington and Yorktown, with his brother Abel, who settled afterwards in Goshen, and another brother, who settled at Bradford. After the war was over Simeon res. in Hillsborough for a time, coming to N. L. about 1812, and removing some years later to Springfield. His first wife was Betsey Youngman of Hollis, three of her brothers having been comrades with him during the war. Simeon m. (2) Mrs. Mary (Gile) Hutchins, widow of Lieut. William Hutchins of N. L. Simeon was b. about 1760, and d. at the home of his son-in-law, Daniel Bickford, about 1835. Children:

1. A daughter, who m. Aaron Rowell and res. in Springfield.
2. Betsey, m. Daniel Bickford (his second wife); res. in N. L.
3. Ebenezer, b. Hollis, Mass.; m. Mary Headlock, and res. in Springfield. Children:
 - (1). Harriet, m. Harrison Prescott of Wilmot. No children.
 - (2). Luke W., b. 1810; m. Mary, dau. of Daniel and Patty (Adams) Bickford; res. in N. L.

- (3). Alvira, m. Harrison Prescott (his second wife).
 - (4). Preston, m. (1) at Lowell, Mass., and had two children; m. (2) Miss Chase of Cornish, where he res.; several children.
 - (5). Simeon, never m.; went on a whaling voyage at the age of 18; is supposed to have d. in the West Indies.
 - (6). Levi M., b. 1832; m. Arminda Muzzey of Sunapee; res. in Springfield and other places; d. Claremont, 1886. Children: Simeon, and Ned, who d. at 24.
4. Simeon, enlisted in the War of 1812; d. at Plattsburgh, N. Y., aged about 20.

BROCKLEBANK, SAMUEL.—This son of Capt. Samuel and Jane Brocklebank [73] was taxed in N. L. for a few years after 1815, but does not appear to have remained here long. There is no record of his family.

BROWN, JOHN.—Timothy Brown came over from England about 1710, and settled at South Reading, Mass. He had a son Ebenezer, b. 1713, who m., in 1740, Mary, dau. of Richard Dexter of Malden. Ebenezer res. in Malden, but d. Sept. 17, 1778, at Wilmington. On June 20, 1789, his wife d. at the same place. They had three sons, Jabez, William, John. The last was b. 1751, in Malden. He m. Lucy, dau. of William Abbot of Andover, Mass., and removing to New Hampshire, res. in Hampstead, Londonderry, and Hopkinton. He d. at Hopkinton, Feb. 27, 1822. Lucy d. May 9, 1821. Four children of this John Brown had more or less to do with N. L., viz.,—(1). Lucy, b. Hampstead, May 25, 1778; m., 1816, Amos Whittemore, and res. in Greenfield. No children. Amos d. 1819, and his widow removed to N. L., purchased what is now known as the Nancy Brown house, and res. there many years. (2). Sarah, b. Jan. 17, 1785; never m., but res. in N. L. at various places. She d. in N. L., March 31, 1868. (3). Nancy, b. Feb. 4, 1789; never m.; res. in cottage house on Colby hill for many years, and d. Dec. 17, 1878. (4). John, b. March 17, 1792; m., Dec. 12, 1815, Betsey, dau. of Josiah and Sarah (Seamans) Brown [74], and res. in N. L. He was a farmer, cabinet-maker, and wool agent. As a farmer he was progressive,—fond of experiments, but eminently practical. It was his constant effort to increase the quantity of his crops and improve their quality, as well as to procure and

raise the best animals for stock. He was among the first to introduce full-blooded Merino sheep in this section, having started a flock from some imported from Spain by Consul Jarvis. He bought wool in New Hampshire and Vermont every season for nearly thirty years, furnishing a complete and entire supply to the mills of Sutton & Hodges, North Andover, Mass., during that time, and buying of the same growers, who held their wool for him, confident that "honest John Brown" would use them just right. In his youth he learned the cabinet-maker's trade, and carried on a furniture-making business for about eighteen years. His farm was that where the burned academy is. John d. March 17, 1868; Sarah, his wife, d. Sept. 26, 1872. Children:

1. Sarah, b. June 28, 1817; d. Feb. 13, 1819.
2. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 9, 1820; d. Feb. 10, 1820.
3. Lucy Ann Whittemore, b. Aug. 13, 1821; m., May 5, 1852, Azro B. Morgan of Stockbridge, Vt., grandson of Justin Morgan of Randolph, Vt., who is famous as the man who raised the "Morgan horse." Azro B. was a wool dealer and manufacturer at Troy, N. Y., where they res. She d. Oct. 22, 1860, at N. L. He d. Dec. 5, 1878, at Troy.
4. Sarah Seamans, b. April 14, 1827; never m.; res. in N. L. and Boston. To Miss Sarah S. Brown the compilers of this history are indebted for much assistance and the knowledge of many facts which except for her would have passed to oblivion.
5. Elizabeth Henrietta, b. Sept. 20, 1833; never m.; res. at N. L. and Boston with her sister Sarah.

BUNKER, BENJAMIN.—Son of Benjamin and Betsey (Daniels) Bunker [76]. Removed to Wilmot, where they had Susan, Perley, Sylvester, besides the children b. in N. L.:

1. Sarah E., b. Feb. 8, 1832.
2. Alfred P., b. March 20, 1834.

BUNKER, NATHANIEL.—Son of Benjamin and Betsey (Daniels) Bunker [76]. Nathaniel m., Aug. 13, 1809, Ednah, dau. of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward [170]; res. on Bunker hill, where he built a house a few rods above his father's. He had a saw-mill near the Perley Prescott cottage on Big brook, where he did custom sawing. After he removed to Ohio in 1835, the mill passed into Governor Colby's hands, and was run by Charles C. Pingree. The saw was the old-

fashioned up-and-down kind. This mill gradually fell into decay, and a smaller one was afterwards erected on the same site. Children :

1. Cyrus Taylor, b. Nov. 21, 1809; d. March 1, 1810.
2. Valentine Easterbrooks, b. Feb. 13, 1811; m. (1), April 24, 1838, Sabrina, dau. of Ezekiel and Ednah (Wilkins [Mills]) Davis of Sutton, b. Feb. 11, 1811. Sabrina d. May 3, 1867, and he m. (2), Nov. 16, 1867, Mrs. Lois (Curtis) Woodworth of Essex, Vt., dau. of Gideon and Hannah Curtis. Valentine E. Bunker was educated at old New Hampton institute; in 1837 taught school in Orange; commenced to preach there; was ordained to the ministry June 20, 1838, at Orange, and remained there about two years. Went to Ohio. Labored in and near Mechanicsburgh for six years, gathering a Baptist church and building a meeting-house. Remained in Ohio as pastor and home missionary till 1857, when he returned to New Hampshire. Supplied Union church, Wilmot, one year; pastor of Sutton church five years; was at Enosburg, Vt., two and one-half years, and at Sanbornton several years. In nearly all these fields his preaching was attended with revivals, some of great power. Children :
 - (1). Cyrus V., b. Orange, July 20, 1839; d., Monroe, Ohio, March 7, 1840.
 - (2). David W., b. Monroe, Ohio, May 2, 1841; m., Nov. 30, 1871, Sarah J., dau. of Cyrus H. and Sarah (Plumer) Lane of Sanbornton, b. Sept. 24, 1849; is a farmer, and res. on the Lang place, North Sanbornton. Child: (a) Eugene Lane, b. March 7, 1873.
 - (3). Angeline, b. Brown, Ohio, Sept. 11, 1844; was an invalid, and d. in Sanbornton, Jan. 9, 1877.
 - (4). Edwin A., b. Sanbornton, Nov. 28, 1868.
 - (5). Albion C., b. Sanbornton, July 28, 1871.
3. Eliza, b. April 18, 1812.
4. Cyrus Taylor, b. Nov. 12, 1814; m., and removed to Ohio.
5. Susan Daniels, b. June 3, 1818; m., and moved West.
6. Daniel Gage, b. April 3, 1820; went West.
7. Benjamin, b. Nov. 19, 1822; went West. The story is told of him that when he was 13 years old he started for the West, and walked half-way to Ohio.
8. David J., b. Jan. 28, 1826; went West.

BURPEE, JEREMIAH.—Son of Lieut. Thomas and Joanna (Foster) Burpee [79]. Res. at foot of Burpee hill in N. C.

Knowlton house, which Jeremiah built. He had one of the best orchards in town, and when he sold the farm to 'Squire Greeley reserved the orchard fruit beyond the brook for six years. Jeremiah d. April 11, 1843; Betsey, his wife, d. June 30, 1855, aged 77 years. Children :

1. Wesley Perkins, b. Dec. 13, 1801; m., Sept. 2, 1824, Lois, daughter of Joseph and Anna (Hooker) Trussell, and res. in N. L. and Canaan.
2. Zuar Eldredge, b. April 13, 1803; d. Sept. 10, 1804.
3. Pruhannah, b. Sept. 26, 1804; d. Aug. 24, 1805.
4. Amy, b. May 25, 1806; never m.; d. Aug. 1, 1843.
5. Maria, b. Sept. 25, 1809; m., January, 1837, Micajah, son of John and Phebe (Messer) Morgan, and res. in N. L.
6. Sally, b. Dec. 27, 1812; m., Oct. 18, 1831, Alvah, son of Asa and Abigail (Gage) Gage, and res. in Boston, Mass.
7. Daniel M., b. July 16, 1814; d. Aug. 10, 1818.
8. Jesse B., b. Aug. 25, 1816; d. Aug. 9, 1818.
9. Joanna F., b. Nov. 22, 1818; m. Alvah, son of Asa and Abigail (Gage) Gage (his second wife), and res. in Charleston, S. C.
10. Daniel F., b. Aug. 12, 1821; d. young.

BURPEE, MOSES.—Son of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah Burpee [79]. Res. at W. S. Carter place on Burpee hill. Moses was injured while driving a load of hay into his barn, and d. Aug. 4, 1857; Lavina (Currier) Burpee d. May 19, 1881, at the home of her dau. Margaret. Children :

1. Roxana C., b. July 18, 1824; m., Sept. 6, 1854, Horace, son of Aaron Leland and Jane (Addison) Sargent; res. in N. L.
2. Cyrus C., b. Sept. 3, 1826; m. Mary Ann Goodwin of Manchester, where he res. Enlisted in the Civil War, Nov. 2, 1861, and was commissioned second lieutenant of Company F., Eighth N. H. V.; discharged for disability in December, 1862, and d. Jan. 25, 1874. Children :
 - (1). George, m., and res. in Manchester.
 - (2). Abbie V., m., and res. in Manchester.
 - (3). John, m., and is deceased.
3. John C., b. Sept. 28, 1830; m., and res. in Franklin.
4. Margaret C., b. April 29, 1832: a ready and faithful worker, whose kindly hands have lifted many a burden from weary shoulders; res. in N. L.
5. Frances Jane, b. April 27, 1836; m. Alexander Lane of Gloucester, Mass., and res. in N. L.



THE BURPEE HOMESTEAD.

BURPEE, CAPT. PERLEY.—Son of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee [77]. Res. on Colby hill, at what is to-day known as the "Burpee homestead." Perley d. Aug. 21, 1865; Judith, his wife, d. March 29, 1884. Captain Burpee inherited many of the family characteristics, was interested in the militia, public-spirited, yet retiring in disposition. He was a shoemaker and farmer. Children:

1. Anthony C., b. Dec. 16, 1817; never m.; res. at homestead; connected with New London Scythe Co. as travelling salesman and in other capacities; in trade with N. T. Greenwood on the "hill" for many years; chorister Baptist church more than fifty years; prominent in militia, where he received the title Colonel; is member board of trustees of Colby Academy. Colonel Burpee is one of the men who have imparted character and dignity to the town during the last fifty years. Singularly frank and fearlessly outspoken, his position on public matters is never in doubt, but he has always been so absolutely sincere in his wish to further the town's best interests that even his opponents have admired rather than disliked him, and to-day he is beloved by all.
2. Edwin E., b. May 2, 1819; d. Aug. 16, 1823.
3. Abial, b. Oct. 28, 1821; d. March 4, 1822.
4. Sarah A., b. Aug. 16, 1823; never m.; d. at homestead Dec. 10, 1892. A woman of lovely Christian character.
5. Judith M., b. March 28, 1827; m., June 11, 1850, Nahum T., son of Samuel and Martha (Trayne) Greenwood, and res. in N. L.
6. Edwin P., b. Jan. 10, 1829; m., Feb. 15, 1859, Rosaline, dau. of James and Mary (Dodge) Todd, and res. in N. L.

BURPEE, SAMUEL.—Son of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah Burpee [79]. Res. on Burpee hill at Whitney place. It was Samuel who removed the Fales buildings from the old site to their present location. Samuel d. July 12, 1849. Children:

1. Nancy, b. July 21, 1816; m., June, 1842, Nelson Chase, of Sunapee, b. Deering, June 28, 1813; res. Newport, where she d. Children:
 - (1). Arabella A., b. Feb. 20, 1844; m. William C. Hurd.
 - (2). Ashley F., b. Aug. 6, 1848; m., April 5, 1876, Anna M. Young of Manchester, where they res.
2. Horace, b. July 14, 1818; m. Nancy Buck, and removed to Vermont.

3. William, b. Oct. 31, 1820; was a carpenter; res. in N. L. for a time; m., and went down country.
4. Mary, b. Jan. 23, 1823; m. Loren H. Chase (brother of Nelson above), b. Deering, July 27, 1821; res. at Newport, where Mary d., May 16, 1849. Children:
 - (1). Maria A., b. Aug. 27, 1845; m. Samuel Nims of Keene. Child: (a) Addie H., b. April 3, 1867.
 - (2). Payson, b. December, 1847; d. young.
5. Darius, b. Jan. 13, 1825; m. (1) Mary Buck; m. (2) Eliza A., dau. of David Towle; res. in Manchester.
6. Charles, b. April 6, 1827; m. Mary F. Colcord of Sunapee, Dec. 6, 1849; both are d.
7. Daniel M., b. May 31, 1829; m., and res. near Keene. Three children.
8. Sarah L., b. March 5, 1832; m. Mr. Sargent; res. in Newport. Two children living.
9. Randall W., b. Jan. 12, 1834; m., and res. in Bristol; was accidentally killed in 1887. Several children.
10. Andrew F., b. Oct. 23, 1836; m. twice; is a merchant, and res. in Boston.

BURPEE, THOMAS.—Son of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee [77]. Res. on Burpee hill at Whittemore place. Was a shoemaker. His wife was Mary Emery, dau. of Captain John and Polly Woodman [170], b. West Newbury, Mass., Nov. 13, 1788. He d. Dec. 3, 1848, at N. L.; Mary d. April 23, 1868, at Stoneham, Mass. Children:

1. Benjamin E., b. Oct. 7, 1810; m., March 19, 1839, Hulda A. Vinton of Cornish, and res. in N. L.
2. Sally, b. Nov. 6, 1811; d. Nov. 25, 1811.
3. Mary Jane, b. April 9, 1813; m., May 1, 1838, Abijah Sanborn of Sanbornton, and res. in N. L.
4. Apphia E., b. Aug. 19, 1817; m., Nov. 12, 1840, William G. Fuller of Stoneham, Mass., where they res. The husband d. Nov. 18, 1893, aged 83 years. Children:
 - (1). William A., b. June 2, 1842; d. Sept. 19, 1843.
 - (2). Georgianna E., b. July 14, 1845.
 - (3). Wilhemina C., b. April 5, 1858.
5. Elizabeth W., b. Sept. 7, 1823; never m.; res. at Stoneham, Mass., but later in Nancy Brown house on Colby hill, where she d. Sept. 17, 1885. "She was faithful in all works."

BURPEE, THOMAS.—Son of Lieut. Thomas and Sarah Burpee [79]. Res. on Burpee hill at Ai Worthen place. He d.

Nov. 17, 1840; Lydia d. Nov. 8, 1853, aged 66 years. Children :

1. Arthur Elbridge, b. March 20, 1814; m., June 7, 1860, Mary J. Flanders.
2. Almira Williams, b. Dec. 1, 1815; d. May 1, 1851.
3. Benjamin Pratt, b. Aug. 27, 1818; m., Feb. 21, 1855, Martha, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Nancy (Greeley) Carr; res. in N. L.
4. Isaac, b. April 7, 1821; d. Aug. 28, 1823.
5. Infant, b. Sept. 4, 1823; d. Sept. 5, 1823.
6. Marietta W., b. Aug. 21, 1825; m. Jacob Messer of Springfield.

CARR, CAPT. SAMUEL M.—The earliest Carr (original spelling Ker) in America was John, a Scotch-Irish emigrant, who with his wife, Elizabeth Wilson, came to Chester in 1736, bringing with them a testimonial of their moral worth from "Ja : Thompson," pastor of the church in Ballywollen, Ireland. From them descended John, b. Candia, March 20, 1769, who m., Aug. 4, 1791, Elizabeth Murray, b. July 29, 1770, and settled in Springfield. Their son, Samuel Murray, was b. Aug. 17, 1792, and established himself in N. L. in 1820. His wife, whom he m. Feb. 24, 1820, was Nancy, dau. of 'Squire Jonathan and Polly (Shepard) Greeley [105]. Captain Carr settled on the farm now owned by Alvin F. Messer, in the house which had been built for James Greeley, his wife's brother. He was a good citizen, actively interested in whatever might add to the prosperity and welfare of his adopted town, a man of strict integrity, and kind and indulgent in his home life. Nancy Greeley was educated at Bradford (Mass.) academy, and though quiet and unassuming in her manner her influence always made itself felt for the right, and won her many warm and devoted friends. Captain Carr d. Feb. 19, 1860; his wife d. Feb. 25, 1869. Their children were,—

1. Mary A., b. April 20, 1821; d. Aug. 2, 1846, unmarried.
2. Nancy G., b. Aug. 15, 1822; m., Sept. 26, 1843, Ebenezer Thompson, and res. in Durham. Ebenezer Thompson traced his ancestry back to William, who was in Dover in 1649. From him—through John, Robert, Ebenezer, Benjamin, Ebenezer—came the third Ebenezer, who was b. Aug. 15, 1821. The first Ebenezer, or Judge Thompson, was Durham's most distinguished son, b. March 5, 1737. He built the house now owned and occupied by his great-great-

grandson, Lucien, son of the third Ebenezer. It was Judge Thompson's grandson Benjamin who left his property (about \$400,000) to found the State college at Durham. The third Ebenezer was a man of keen, active mind and intellectual tastes, shrewd and energetic in business, public-spirited, and carefully solicitous for the welfare of his family. He inherited the Thompson homestead, and all his children were b. there. Ebenezer d. May 15, 1869. Children:

- (1). Clarence Greeley, b. April 13, 1845; d. Manchester, Aug. 30, 1877.
- (2). Arthur, b. Sept. 20, 1846; d. Nov. 10, 1846.
- (3). Ella Pickering, b. Dec. 11, 1847; m., May 15, 1881, Hon. Joshua B. Smith of Durham, for many years prominent in town and state affairs. Mrs. Smith was a woman of exceptional artistic talent, and with many admirable traits of character. Her early death, at the birth of her child, left a large circle of mourning friends. Child: (a) Ella T., b. June 15, 1882; d. Oct. 23, 1882.
- (4). Francis, b. Feb. 23, 1849; d. Sept. 16, 1849.
- (5). Annie Louise, b. June 8, 1857; m. F. F. Hall, and res. 1540 Pine street, Denver, Col.
- (6). Lucien, b. June 3, 1859; m., April 6, 1887, Lizzie Gage of Manchester. Mr. Thompson, who admirably sustains the family honor and traditional hospitality at the Durham homestead, has also inherited the family aptitude for public service and intellectual pursuits. He has one of the finest and rarest collections of books and manuscripts to be found in any private library in New Hampshire. He has held numerous local political offices, been an influential member of Scammel grange from its organization, represented his town in the legislature of 1886, and has been a prominent member of the board of agriculture since 1887. He has been trustee of the State college since 1892, and secretary of the board since June, 1896; is trustee of the Durham public library, and a leading member of the Congregational church and Sunday-school. Mr. Thompson joined the society of Sons of the Revolution in 1896, many of his ancestors having suffered severely in the Colonial wars and from the Indians. He is devoting his spare moments to the preparation of material for a history of Durham, a work commenced by his father. His mother res. at the homestead with him. Children: (a) Robert Gage, b. Sept. 17, 1888; (b) Ruth Elizabeth, b. March 16, 1891; (c) Helen Pickering, b. June 13, 1896.



LUCIEN THOMPSON, ESQ.

3. Susan E., b. Aug. 28, 1826; m., Jan. 23, 1850, John Marshall, son of John and Abigail (Adams) Hayes, and res. in N. L.
4. Jonathan G., b. Nov. 5, 1829; m. Sarah A. Mathes of Durham, and res. in N. L.
5. Martha J., b. Feb. 3, 1831; m., Feb. 21, 1855, Benjamin P., son of Thomas and Lydia (Blake) Burpee, and res. in N. L.
6. Samuel M., b. Nov. 19, 1834; m. Eunice Keller of Machiasport, Me., and res. in N. L.

CLARK, SPENCER.—Son-in-law of John Slack [160]. Res. in Low Plain district. Children:

1. Myra, b. July 23, 1806.
2. Ransom, b. July 22, 1809.

CLARK, CAPT. WILLIAM.—Thomas Clark, b. May, 1744, in Londonderry, settled in Acworth in 1777. Thomas m. Jane Alexander, b. Oct. 25, 1747. He d. Nov. 25, 1823; she d. Sept. 9, 1824. Their third child was William, b. June 18, 1779, who m., Dec. 30, 1807, Margaret, dau. of John and Mary (Hilands) Mitchell of Acworth, and removed to N. L., where he located on Summer street and kept store. Captain Clark's store stood between the old George Williams house and the Wyman Kimball house, and was the location of the first post-office. He acquired the title of captain in the militia. He d. April 7, 1845; his wife d. March 30, 1862, aged 79 years. Children:

1. Bradley, b. Dec. 19, 1809; d. March 16, 1811.
2. William, b. April 5, 1812; m. a Mitchell, and res. with John Brown; d. May 6, 1872. No children.
3. Horace, b. March 11, 1814; m., May, 1839, Betsey Davis, and res. in N. L.
4. Cyrus, b. Nov. 24, 1816; d. Aug. 7, 1838.
5. Peggy, b. Feb. 17, 1823; m., Jan. 28, 1847, Newell J. Nye, and res. in N. L.

CLEMENT, CAPT. B. CHASE.—“A man upright in word and deed, and a good citizen,” is the record left by Capt. Chase Clement, the son of Benjamin Moody and Rachel (Herrick) Clement [81]. He gained his title in the militia, in which he was always interested. For many years he res. on the Clement homestead, and then removed to the house now occupied by his dau., Mrs. Susan (Clement) Lovering, where he d. April 2, 1858. His wife, Sally (Wood) Clement, d. Jan. 21, 1868. Children:

1. Ellen C., b. July 29, 1823; d. Aug. 11, 1843.
2. George S., b. Feb. 26, 1825; m., March 29, 1851, Mary C. Hunt of Salisbury, Neb.; res. at Wauseon, O., where he d. Dec. 15, 1891; was a prosperous flour merchant. Child:
 - (1). Minerva, b. Andover, Dec. 9, 1852; m. Rev. Robert Davis, a Congregational minister. Child: (a) George Clement.
3. Carlos C., b. Nov. 10, 1827; m. Ellen D. Moulton of New Hampshire, and removed to Minnesota. Child:
 - (1). Mary Genevieve, b. Meriden, June 7, 1857; m., May 26, 1876, Henry T. Seeley, and res. in Minnesota. Children:
 - (a) Clement W., b. Sept. 2, 1877; (b) Harriett, b. Oct. 31, 1880.
4. Susan C., b. Nov. 22, 1831; d. July 11, 1834.
5. Susan C., b. June 22, 1835; m., Sept. 6, 1876, Isaac Lovering, and res. in N. L.
6. Rufus J., b. June 27, 1837; m., in Ortonville, Minn., Emily Fanning. Was in Rebellion, lost health, and d. in April, 1871, of tuberculosis. Children: Fidelia H., Carlos.
7. Mary Ellen, b. March 17, 1844; m., Aug. 25, 1870, William H. Eager, a prosperous merchant of Wauseon, O. Child:
 - (1). Fannie M., b. Sept. 15, 1871; m., May 18, 1892, Dr. O. T. Standish; res. Wauseon.

COLBY, GOV. ANTHONY.—“Honor, to whom honor is due.” To have achieved the chief magistracy of his native state is no slight distinction for a man country born and bred, whose upward career was wrought out by his own sturdy independence. To have left with his fellow-townsmen a standard for energy, integrity, and philanthropy, is a more enduring fame than that perpetuated by polished granite or gleaming marble. To have reared a home where God was honored and wife and children were ever objects of tenderest devotion, is to have created a memory more lasting and precious than legacies of land and gold. Faithful to his conception of duty in official, public, and private life, Anthony Colby was the man to whom the town was indebted for much of the material prosperity with which it rounded out its first century of existence.

Anthony was the second son of Joseph and Anna (Heath) Colby [85], b. Tuesday, Nov. 13, 1792. The four-score years of life which were granted him were all passed within the limits of his native town, and with the exception of the first eight years, in the house erected by Joseph Colby in 1800; and

from the windows of this house three generations of Colbys have looked their last upon earth. The limited advantages of a common-school education were supplemented by a wonderful capacity for business, coupled with a resourcefulness and activity in public enterprise that made him a natural leader among the men of his generation; and no man ever gave himself more fully to the upbuilding of what he believed to be the best interests of the town. The village at the outlet of Lake Pleasant was in large degree the outgrowth of his public spirit. He was early interested in the mills, and later was associated with Richard H. Messer and Joseph Phillips in the establishment of the scythe industry. The stage line between Lowell, Mass., and Hanover, opened in the fall of 1832, was the result largely of his individual energy, and the daily passage of the stage in its hundred-mile trip was a wonderful stimulus to the business interests of the quiet country town.

General Colby was among the earlier advocates of temperance reform. Not only was he a strict abstainer himself, but he especially discouraged the formation of the drink habit by young men. He was genial and hearty in manner, an inimitable story-teller, a man with ready wit, and a keen sense of humor, which made his presence welcome to every gathering, while his own home was the centre of a warm Christian hospitality, long remembered by its recipients. His nature, tender and sympathetic, responded quickly to expressions of friendship, joy, and sorrow, and his common sense led him to devise schemes of relief to all who were needy. He was the man that he was, not so much from educational training and accomplishments, as from a great and noble nature. He was intensely interested in the cause of education, exerting his influence as superintendent of the town schools to raise the standard of learning, and sending his own sons to Dartmouth college, and his daughter to the New Hampton Institution. Miss Colby became an ardent supporter of higher educational advantages for women, and when, largely through the influence of her grandfather and father, New London academy was opened as a school for young women in 1838, she became the first principal. After teaching here for several years, she accepted a similar position at the New Hampton Institution. A woman of many and high accomplishments, she was par-

ticularly skilful with the pencil and brush. In the Colby homestead her handiwork has preserved to posterity the pictured semblance of her ancestors, and in the chapel of Colby academy the strong, handsome face of Governor Colby still looks down in fatherly interest on the young men and women who gather there for instruction—a mute yet potent inspiration to high endeavor and noble deeds.

The trusted friend and counsellor of the leading men of the state, General Colby was especially intimate with Daniel Webster, and highly prized the earnest, congratulatory letter written him by Mr. Webster at the time of his election as governor. Along political lines he was strongly conservative. His party favored the passage of the Fugitive Slave bill, and Daniel Webster, as its advocate, wrote Governor Colby, asking that he would stand by him. Privately the governor considered the whole business, as he quaintly expressed it, “like stuffing a hot potato down a man’s throat and then asking him to sing ‘Old Hundred,’” but, loyal to his party and life-long friend, he wrote Mr. Webster that although the bill was odious to him personally, he would do all he could; and the time came when he nobly fulfilled his promise.

The rolls of the state militia mark the rise of Capt. Anthony Colby to the rank of major-general of the Thirtieth regiment. For eight terms between 1828 and 1839 he represented the town in the state legislature, was elected chief magistrate in 1846, again chosen to the legislature in 1860, and in the outbreak of civil strife in 1861 Anthony Colby was the man on whom Governor Berry relied for the unflinching performance of the arduous and oftentimes painful duties of adjutant-general. New regiments went forward to the fray with his words of inspiration and counsel ringing in their ears, and he himself was often at the front, unsparing in his efforts for the welfare of the New Hampshire soldiers. This last office he resigned in 1863, owing to his advanced years, and most heartily did he welcome the advent of peace in 1865. In the quiet calm of a Sabbath evening, July 20, 1873, full of years and honors, he was gathered to his fathers. More than a century of years has rolled away since Anthony Colby was born; almost a quarter-century has elapsed since his death, but in the hearts of the people he loved he is enshrined as New London’s most

distinguished son, one whose memory will long be cherished in the annals of the hill town where he was born and lived and died.

Governor Colby was twice married. His first wife, the mother of his children, to whom he was united Nov. 24, 1814, was Mary, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett [94], b. Nov. 24, 1795. Mrs. Colby was a woman of rare talents of heart and mind, thoroughly devoted to her family, yet ever mindful of the poor and needy,—a modest, consistent, conscientious Christian. She was deeply interested in her husband's success, and her early death, June 18, 1837, was a sorrow that shadowed the triumphs of his later years. He m. (2), Mrs. Eliza Richardson of Boston, a woman of lovely character, who endeared herself to all who knew her. She d. Sept. 15, 1888. The children of Governor Colby were,—

1. Daniel Everett, b. Dec. 18, 1815; m., Jan. 23, 1840, Martha E., dau. of Samuel and Martha (Trayne) Greenwood, b. June 22, 1817; res. in N. L.

2. Susan Farnum, b. April 21, 1817. Her marriage, Feb. 19, 1851, to James B. Colgate of New York city, was the first ever celebrated in the village church. James B. Colgate was the son of William and Mary (Gilbert) Colgate. He is well known in New York as a financier, a staunch Baptist, and a devoted friend and patron of Colgate university, dedicating his services in this institution to the memory of his father and mother, whose lives were devoted to this and other Christian institutions. Mrs. Colgate was educated in N. L. and New Hampton, and was a pupil at the Emma Willard school in Troy, N. Y. She was very successful as lady principal, both at the N. L. institution and later at the New Hampton seminary. In New York city she has been connected with various charitable institutions; has been treasurer of the Colored Home and Hospital 40 years, and for a full quarter-century has served as state secretary of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary society of New York. Their children are,—

- (1). Mary, b. in the Colby homestead, N. L., Aug. 2, 1857; is a graduate of Vassar college; res. with her parents in New York and at Yonkers-on-the-Hudson.

- (2). James Colby, b. New York, May 23, 1863; is a graduate of Colgate university; studied law in Columbia college law school, and entered the office of Butler, Stillman &

- Hubbard. James m., June 4, 1890, Miss Hope Conkling of Bennington, Vt., where is the summer home of the family. Children: Susan Everett, Marguerite West, and Hope.
3. Robert, b. September 30, 1822; was originally named Robert Lane, for Dr. Robert Lane of N. L. and Sutton, one of the ablest physicians in the state, but in later life the Lane was legally dropped by Mr. Colby because of his preference for a shorter name. The doctor gave his namesake a pair of doves and a silver dollar; the disposition of the latter gift is unaccounted for, but the descendants of the doves still flutter and coo about the dooryard of the old homestead. Robert was prepared for college at New London academy by his sister Susan, Prof. Dyer H. Sanborn, and Truman K. Wright; graduated from Dartmouth in 1845. In 1895 his class held its semi-centennial reunion, and sixteen classmates shook hands with Mr. Colby, with his sister Susan (whom they claimed as one of themselves for her able assistance at the graduating levee), and with his sister-in-law, Martha (Greenwood) Colby, widow of the late Daniel E. Colby, Dartmouth 1836. Among the reminiscences of the dinner of 1895 was the tale of the expedition undertaken by Colby and his classmate Palmer, who drove a two-horse team by night to Concord, and from there went by rail to Boston to procure refreshments for the levee. In the fall of 1845 young Colby helped survey the route for the proposed Northern railroad from Concord to Lebanon.

Mr. Colby studied law in the office of Ira Perley, Esq., in Concord, in company with Hon. Lyman D. Stevens, still an honored resident of that city. Once he was sent from Concord to Boston on an errand to Mr. Webster, whom he met at Mr. Page's house on Summer street. Mr. Webster was very affable and courteous, and impressive on a young man's perceptions standing for the first time in his strong and dignified presence. The errand was sent by General Wilson of Keene, G. W. Nesmith of Franklin, Maj. Ephraim Hutchins of Concord, and Gen. Anthony Colby of New London, who were Mr. Webster's personal friends and sponsors for his interests in the state. The old Phenix hotel in Concord was their rendezvous, and there they planned and talked and discussed, and joked and had a lot of high-toned fun together. After his father's term of office as governor had expired, Robert went to New York, and having introduced himself to Horace Greeley, received from him letters to several eminent lawyers. After a little study in the

office of two of these friendly counsellors, he was admitted to the bar, and in 1849 went to Boston to enter practice with his classmate, Mr. W. H. L. Smith. During his residence in this precinct Mr. Colby was for two years a member of the state legislature; was chairman of the Whig rallying committee pending Charles Sumner's election as senator to congress in 1851, when after sixty trials a majority of one was secured, and Mr. Sumner was elected.

In 1853, Mr. Colby returned to New York, practised law for some time, and became a member of the New York stock exchange, which seat he holds to-day. He was also a member of the firm of J. B. Colgate & Co. for many years. Since 1856 he has been active in politics only in voting, but in the mean time has been treasurer of the Colgate mission in East 20th street, an institution which sends poor children into the country for fortnightly vacations, and in a quarter-century he has been absent from the mission only ten Sundays. In the Civil War Mr. Colby did not go to the front, but with his sister, Mrs. Colgate, was deeply interested in the great Sanitary fair for the benefit of the soldiers. Mrs. Colgate served on the floral committee, of which Mrs. Astor was chairman, and Mr. Colby was able to secure an ordinance granting the use of the area north of Union square for the erection of booths. He was also interested in the New England hospital for soldiers, and went back and forth to the battle line, where his cousin, Dr. Everett Herrick, was an attending surgeon.

On Feb. 23, 1854, Robert Colby m. Mary, dau. of Dea. William Colgate. Mary (Colgate) Colby was truly "a daughter of Zion," beloved by everybody, a bright and devoted daughter and sister and wife and mother in her home; and her husband's life went with her for years and years. The children of this union were Jessie, William Colgate, and Mary Colgate.

COLBY, DR. ISAAC.—About the time of the removal of Dr. Robert Lane to Sutton, Dr. Isaac Colby established himself in N. L., remaining until 1821, when he removed to Hopkinton.

COLBY, JAMES, JR.—James, Jr., was the son of James B. Colby [85], evidently by a former wife, as he attained his majority in 1810. He res. on his father's farm until 1826, when he removed from town. The farm passed into Joseph

Colby's hands, and was bought by Moses Adams, Jr., in 1829. James and Catharine Colby had, b. in N. L.,—

1. Charles, b. June 24, 1811.
2. Adaline, b. March 24, 1813.
3. Lucy, b. April 18, 1815.
4. Eliza, b. Feb. 16, 1817.
5. Mary, twin to Eliza; d. Jan. 11, 1820.
6. Hannah, b. Sept. 3, 1819.
7. George, b. July 1, 1821.
8. Mary, b. March 25, 1825.

CRAM, THEOPHILUS.—Came to N. L. from Sutton; probably the pioneer on the farm where Charles F. Putney now lives. His name first appears on the tax-list in 1805. He was a member of the church, and was the father of the children given below:

1. Hannah, m. Jonathan, son of Levi and Betsey (Randlett) Harvey; res. in N. L.
2. Joseph, m. Mary Slack of Springfield about 1810. One son, Moses.
3. Ruth, m. Hezekiah Peck of Wendall.
4. Moses, built a house beyond the run southwest of his father's place; removed to Shendeaghan.

CURRIER, CAPT. AMOS BAYLEY.—Son of Capt. Thomas and Ednah Currier [88]. Res. in West Part. Served the town in many offices; was highly respected by his fellow-townsmen. Captain Currier m., about 1810, Betsey Colby of Canaan, b. 1783; but they were spared to each other for only a few brief months. Captain Currier d. Feb. 1, 1811; in March a child was born to the young widow, which d. April 11, 1811; a week later the mother passed away, and husband, wife, and child had met in the better country.

CURRIER, JOHN QUINCY.—Son of Capt. Thomas and Ednah Currier [88]. Res. in N. L. in West Part. Children:

1. Amos Bailey, b. July 2, 1816; m., Jan. 22, 1845, Dolly, dau. of Aaron and Abigail (March) Young, and res. in N. L.
2. Sally, b. May 2, 1818; never m.; d. at Lowell, Mass., March, 1896.
3. Zilpha, b. May 8, 1820; m., Jan. 22, 1840, Stillman, son of William and Sarah (Dearborn) Bean of Sutton, where she res. and d.
4. John, Jr., b. March 20, 1822; d. Nov. 20, 1824.

5. John Q., b. July 19, 1824; m., Oct. 23, 1850, Sevira Jane, dau. of William and Sarah (Dearborn) Bean of Sutton, and res. in N. L.
6. Rosetta M., b. May 14, 1826; d. July 6, 1832.
7. Ednah B., b. June 13, 1828; m., and res. at Chelmsford, Mass.
8. Lavinia Brown, b. March 5, 1830; m., and d. in Lowell, Mass.
9. Thomas, b. Dec. 4, 1832; d. June 30, 1833.
10. Mary A., b. May 10, 1834; m. Philip Brown of Lowell, Mass., where she res.
11. Frances J., b. March 14, 1836; m. David Hayes of Suncook, where she d.

DAVIS, EDMUND.—Son of Edmund and Lydia (Morgan) Davis [89]. Res. in West Part, where his grandson, Charles G., now lives. The old trees near the house, two willows and an elm, were set out when this Edmund was 13 years old. Children:

1. Sally, b. Feb. 21, 1809; m. William Sholes, and res. in N. L. and Springfield, Mass.
 2. Harris, b. May 3, 1810; m. (1) Caroline Ward of Claremont; m. (2) widow of his brother George; res. in Grantham.
 3. Elizabeth, b. Feb. 21, 1812; m., March, 1840, Timothy, son of Timothy and Lydia (Roby) Quimby of Springfield, and res. in N. L.
 4. George C., b. Feb. 26, 1814; m. Sarah Foss of Enfield; res. in Grantham.
 5. Mary, b. April 30, 1816; m., Aug. 15, 1839, Daniel W. Couch of Sutton, where they res. She d. Nov. 24, 1855.
- Children:

- (1). Edmund D., b. July 24, 1840.
- (2). Sarah J., b. Jan. 7, 1842; m., Dec. 25, 1871, Edgar W. Smith.
- (3). Emma M., b. June 24, 1844; d. April 11, 1875.
- (4). Katie P., b. Aug. 18, 1846; d. March 3, 1861.
- (5). Charles H., b. July 20, 1848.
- (6). Laura A., b. March 14, 1851; m., Sept. 16, 1871, Henry J. Mastin. Children: (a) Lillian E., b. Feb. 8, 1872; (b) Frank H., b. June 14, 1874, and res. at Elkins; (c) Mary E., b. July 12, 1876; (d) Bertha J., b. Aug. 12, 1884. Laura A. d. April 14, 1888.
- (7). John F., b. May 10, 1853; m., March 10, 1886, Florence M. Presby. Child, Delma E., b. June 21, 1887.

6. Nancy, m. John W., son of Gordon and Dolly (Robie) Taylor of Springfield, and res. Woburn, Mass.
7. Benjamin, m., Nov. 23, 1850, Sarah, dau. of Nathan and Bethia (Davis) Wilmarth of Newport, b. May 9, 1818, and res. in N. L.
8. Edmund, b. Jan. 23, 1825; m., April 18, 1850, Emmeline, dau. of Aaron and Abigail (March) Young, and res. in N. L.

DAVIS, ENOCH.—Son of Edmund and Lydia (Morgan) Davis [89]. Res. in North district, on "Battles place." Drowned May 23, 1823, in Lake Sunapee. His boat was capsized by a squall. Betsey, his wife, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Lydia Brocklebank [73], m. (2) John Gage, and d. Sept. 28, 1861. Children:

1. Hiram, b. Jan. 20, 1807; m., May 16, 1832, Abigail H. Emerson of Wilmot, b. Feb. 7, 1807, and res. in N. L.
2. Lydia, b. March, 1809.
3. Samuel B., b. March 11, 1811; d. December, 1812.
4. Jane, b. April 24, 1813.
5. Abijah, b. Sept. 27, 1815; m., Dec. 26, 1844, Abigail G., dau. of Capt. William and Polly (Dickey) Whittier, and res. in N. L.
6. Ruel, b. Dec. 16, 1818; was a blacksmith; went to New York.

DAVIS, JOSEPH.—Elder Davis came to N. L. in November, 1824, after Elder Seamans became unable to preach regularly. He remained about three years as stated supply. Of his family, a son, Benjamin, was b. in N. L., July 4, 1826, the date of the "raising" of the new church.

DEARBORN, DR. JONATHAN.—A skilful physician, established here from 1824 to 1829; res. in the George Williams house on Summer street. This neighborhood seems to have been a favorite with the early physicians, for almost without exception they either boarded or rented houses in this vicinity.

DRESSER, SAMUEL.—Came to N. L. in 1805, from Springfield. Res. here till 1812, when he removed to Sutton, where he d. Dec. 29, 1859. He was b. in Chester, Dec. 30, 1763; m., Dec. 29, 1795, Rachel, dau. of Joseph and Rachel (Lowe) Story of Hopkinton, but originally of Essex, Mass. She was b. Sept. 10, 1774; d. Sutton, Feb. 13, 1869. Samuel was a licensed preacher, and known as "Elder

Dresser." His wife, Rachel, was not at all times sound in mind, and just before leaving N. L. made a wholly unwarranted attack on the character of Josiah Brown, Esq., and some of his neighbors. These vaporings of an aberrated mind made no impression on the community: neither does Mrs. Dresser's insanity, due as it was to accidental causes, seem to have left any impress on the minds of her descendants, who have been men and women of superior judgment and ability. Children:

1. Samuel, b. Nov. 8, 1796; m., June 11, 1835, Sarah B. Eaton of Sutton, where he res., and d. May 13, 1868. Children:
 - (1). Lucretia A., b. May 13, 1836; d. Dec. 30, 1858.
 - (2). Leonard F. E., b. June 20, 1838; m. Sarah H. Wiggin of Hopkinton. No children.
 - (3). Franklin E., b. Sept. 18, 1840; d. Feb. 4, 1845.
2. Rachel L., b. June 19, 1798; m., May 15, 1826, Dimond Shaw of Salisbury, who d. May 13, 1874, at Salisbury. Rachel d. Nov. 14, 1851. Children:
 - (1). John C., b. Sept. 14, 1826; m., Dec. 25, 1869, Barbara Glass of Laporte, Ind.; d. April, 1888, at Avery, Mich. One child, Dimond.
 - (2). Mary C., b. Jan. 6, 1828; m., Feb. 19, 1852, Moses T. Little of Salisbury; d. Jan. 22, 1856. One child, Carrie M., b. Jan. 9, 1853.
 - (3). Frederic C., b. June 12, 1831; m., Feb. 3, 1853, Sara Shaw of Sanbornton. Children: (a) Anna C., b. Nov. 21, 1853; (b) Margie A., b. Nov. 21, 1859; (c) Abbie M., b. March 5, 1861.
 - (4). Abbie M., b. Oct. 25, 1832; d. June 20, 1842.
3. Aaron S., b. July 1, 1800; m., April 30, 1826, Esther H. Davis of Bloomfield, Ohio. A preacher. Children: Sarah A., Eliza J., Susan L., Daniel D., John S., Margaret E., Mary A.
4. Joanna S., b. May 18, 1802; m., Sept. 11, 1843, Nathan S. Morrison of Franklin (his second wife). No children.
5. John Calvin, b. April 20, 1804; m., Sept. 18, 1834, Eunice W., dau. of Samuel and Rhoda (Williams) Kendrick of Sutton; res. in Sutton and Enfield; d. March 31, 1878. Children:
 - (1). Ira R., b. July 12, 1835; m., Nov. 17, 1857, Angeline Braley of Sutton, and res. at Granite Falls, Minn. Children: Edward A., Forrest B., Jessie M.
 - (2). John R., b. June 29, 1837; m., May 4, 1861, Nancy M., dau. of Daniel and Mehitabel (Murdough) Cheney, and

- res. in Enfield. Children: (a) Cora F., b. June 3, 1863, m. Henry O. Fletcher; (b) Willis G., b. Feb. 7, 1865; (c) Carrie G., b. Aug. 4, 1866, m. Irvin C. Avery; (d) Belle M., b. Dec. 1, 1872.
- (3). Rhoda A., b. April 21, 1843; m., Feb. 18, 1870, Nelson Gile of Lebanon. Children: Ernest S., Earl L.
- (4). Mary A., b. Oct. 20, 1853; m., May 14, 1874, Hiram Gage of Enfield. No children.
6. Sarah B., b. Feb. 22, 1807; m., March 5, 1835, Jubal Eaton. Children: Pluma, Jubal, Jacob M.
7. Joseph S., b. June 24, 1808; removed to southern Ohio in 1835, where he d. in 1839 of tuberculosis; not m.
8. Martin L., b. Aug. 19, 1810; m., April 30, 1840, Lucy W., dau. of Benjamin and Lois (Wheeler) Wells of Sutton. Children:
- (1). Almira L., b. Sept. 25, 1839; m., Feb. 27, 1879, James E. Nelson, and res. in Sutton.
- (2). Ida E., b. May 19, 1857; m., June 20, 1886, Ira M. Colby of Whitefield.
9. Dolly C., b. April 11, 1813; m., 1842, William B. Emery of Andover. Children:
- (1). Ellen M., m. Albert Clark, and d. in Sanbornton, leaving one dau.
- (2). Lucy B., m. John Aiken, and res. at East Andover.
10. Mary, b. April 11, 1813 (twin of Dolly C.); m., Dec. 3, 1846, Daniel F. Searle of Salisbury, where they res. Children:
- (1). Mary F., b. Oct. 6, 1848; d. Jan. 9, 1856.
- (2). George F., b. Oct. 6, 1848 (twin of Mary F.); m., Dec. 25, 1884, Clara M. Andrews, and res. in Concord. Mr. Searle was for several years bookkeeper and cashier of the Republican Press Association, and has held other positions of responsibility and honor in his adopted city. Mrs. Clara M. (Andrews) Searle d. May 15, 1890. She also had been for many years in the employ of the Republican Press Association, and had endeared herself to all her associates by her unvarying kindness and cheerfulness.

DOW, EVANS.—Son of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow [92]. Blacksmith. Built the John Dow house and blacksmith shop on Summer street, where he res. He d. Sept. 8, 1868; his wife Lydia, dau. of John Morgan, Jr. [130], d. Sept. 21, 1870. Children:

1. Lydia, b. Dec. 4, 1812; m., April, 1838, William Lee of

Manchester, Mass., who built the house nearly opposite Daniel Bickford's on Summer street; res. there a time, then removed to Hastings, Minn. He is a prominent Mason. Lydia d. March 24, 1876. Children:

- (1). Sarah, b. Nov. 15, 1838; m. Alonzo Smith. No children.
- (2). Charles, b. Sept. 5, 1840; d. at Hastings, unmarried. *See p 121*
- (3). Nancy, b. Aug. 26, 1844; m. Mr. Owen; res. at Hastings, and has children.

2. John M., b. Feb. 18, 1819; m., Dec. 22, 1842, Lydia, dau. of Aaron and Abigail (March) Young, and res. in N. L.

DOW, JESSE.—Son of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow [92]. Res. on Summer street; built the Daniel Bickford house. Died June 20, 1820. His widow Irene m. (2), Oct. 9, 1825, Jacob Worthen (his second wife). Child of Jesse and Irene (Merrill) Dow:

1. Phylana, b. March 6, 1820; m., Feb. 12, 1843, Joshua D. Hemphill, and res. in N. L.

EVERETT, DANIEL M.—Son of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett [94]. His wife was Rachel, dau. of Benjamin and Rachel (Herrick) Clement [81]. Removed late in life to Salisbury. Rachel d. in Concord, at the home of her dau. Emily. The Everett brothers, Daniel, David, and Jonathan, were pioneers in the anti-slavery cause in the days when that movement was looked upon with contempt and scorn. Children:

- 1, 2. Twin daughters, b. April 25, 1819; d. April 26, 1819.
3. Mary Messenger, b. July 23, 1820; d. Nov. 3, 1820.
4. Emily Gates, b. Nov. 1, 1821; m., Oct. 26, 1841, Amos Dodge, b. Aug. 15, 1813, and res. in Concord; d. Sept. 30, 1871.
5. Daniel Ronaldo, b. Aug. 26, 1827; m., July 2, 1854, Harriet Amanda Calef of Salisbury; was a merchant, and res. in Concord; d. Feb. 5, 1889. Children:
 - (1). Charles Edward, b. June 24, 1855; is a journalist; m., and res. in Washington (state).
 - (2). Rufus, b. Nov. 12, 1857; d. Concord, Sept. 12, 1883.
 - (3). Martha G., b. April 13, 1860; m. Mr. Armstrong, a journalist, and res. in New York. Two children.
 - (4). Mary, b. Dec. 4, 1865; res. in Concord.

EVERETT, DEA. DAVID.—Son of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett [94]. Res. on Capt. A. J. Sargent location until 1852. Chosen deacon June 16, 1825; served 24 years.

An ardent and persevering abolitionist. Amy (Snowden) Everett, d. July 7, 1850, aged 68 years, and David m. (2) Mrs. Sarah Fuller of Hopkinton, where he d. April 25, 1866. Children:

1. Almira S., b. July 20, 1808; m., Feb. 4, 1834, Rev. Luther Crawford, a Baptist clergyman of Alexandria, and moved to Brooklyn, N. Y., where her husband d., and she established a private school for girls, which she continued very successfully for years. Before marriage she was preceptress of the old New Hampton Institution.
2. Susan F., b. Jan. 14, 1810; d. Feb. 20, 1810.
3. Duraxa M., b. Jan. 19, 1811; m., in 1841, Stephen C. Robie of Springfield and res. in N. L. for a time, then removed to Portage City, Wis.; now d., leaving no descendants. Stephen Robie was the son of Samuel and Abby (Colcord) Robie, and a cousin of Merrill Robie of N. L. He d. in Wisconsin in 1895.
4. Infant son, d. Feb. 15, 1813.
5. Daniel M., b. Dec. 16, 1815; d., June 8, 1840, of heart disease, at raising of the barn on Daniel S. Seamans's farm.

EVERETT, DEA. DEXTER.—Son of Levi and Lucy (Titus) Everett [95]. Was "of Grafton" when m., and had his home there until 1821, when he returned to N. L. and res. on the A. Jay Messer place. He enlarged the house built by his brother Milton, and had a shop where he worked at his trade as saddler and harness-maker. Some years afterwards he res. in the house now occupied by Albert Hunting. Chosen deacon June 16, 1825, and served 24 years. Betsey his wife, dau. of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Kimball) Pingree [133], d. Dec. 7, 1848, and he m. (2), Jan. 12, 1850, Mrs. Hannah Cross, of Grantham. After his second marriage he res. with his step-son, Job Cross, and d. April 14, 1860. Children:

1. Daniel K., b. March 13, 1815, at Grafton; d. Aug. 1, 1833.
2. Elkanah P., b. April 11, 1820; m., April, 1841, Martha G. Collins; m. (2) ——— Wallace; res. in N. L. and Penacook.
3. Moses P., b. N. L., June 1, 1823; went to Vermont; m., and had children.
4. David, b. Oct. 25, 1825; harness-maker with J. R. Hill & Co., Concord; is m., and has children.
5. Betsey A., b. Nov. 27, 1833; m. Sept. 21, 1850, Dennis H., son of Solomon and Mary (Collins) Adams; res. in N. L.

EVERETT, JOHN.—Son of Ensign Nathaniel and Rebekah Everett [96]. John went to Hanover with his mother, and there m. Sabrina Allen of Windsor, Vt. About 1810 he returned to N. L.; res. on Burpee hill, and later on "Adeline's hill" in the Low Plain district. Children: *See p 739*

1. David, b. Hanover; d. at 4 years of age.
2. Francis, m. Mary Pratt, and res. at Dedham, Mass., where he d.
3. John, unmarried; returned from the funeral of his brother Sylvester on the *Lexington*, which was lost at sea.
4. Melinda, m. Benjamin Russell, and removed to Illinois, where she d.
5. Adeline, b. in N. L., Sept. 13, 1810; unmarried; res. in N. L. as milliner for many years; is now at Centennial Home for the Aged, Concord, a most estimable and delightful lady of advanced years.

6. Sylvester, b. June 15, 1813; d. in New York, unmarried.

EVERETT, CAPT. JONATHAN.—Son of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett [94]. An ardent Abolitionist. Could not tolerate Masonry. Was a saddler and harness-maker, and captain of Washington Blues. Captain Everett was living in the Nancy Brown house at the time of the hurricane in 1821. There was to be a conference meeting in the schoolhouse that afternoon, and Anthony Colby and Manning Seamans were in Everett's house, waiting for him. Together they watched the hurricane as it swept across the West Part and through the Hominy Pot valley, and saw great trees turned over and over by the terrific force of the wind. In 1823, Jonathan built the Micajah Morgan house, which he sold to Walter P. Flanders. After living on the John D. Pingree farm for two years, he removed to the Charles Woodward place, which then included the farm on the opposite side of the road, and built the George Bickford house, in which he lived for many years. Jonathan d. July 28, 1856; Apphia, his wife, dau. of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee [77], d. Feb. 15, 1869. Children:

1. Martha Ann, b. Oct. 25, 1816; d. Oct. 26, 1816.
2. Horace S., b. Oct. 10, 1817; d. Aug. 22, 1819.
3. George W., b. Nov. 28, 1819; m., Oct. 30, 1849, Ellen F. Lane of Gloucester, Mass., and res. in N. L.
4. Herbert Foster, b. April 6, 1822; d. Aug. 17, 1823.
5. Abial B., b. April 4, 1824; m., Oct. 24, 1848, Harriet E., dau. of Isaiah and Patty (Byam) Spaulding of Chelmsford, Mass., and res. in N. L.

6. Mary A., b. Oct. 4, 1826; m., Sept. 8, 1846, George E. Lane of Gloucester, Mass., captain of one of the Pacific mail steamships, and afterwards agent of the company at Yokohama, Japan, where his wife d. Nov. 17, 1869.
7. Jonathan R., b. Dec. 21, 1832; d. April 7, 1855.

EVERETT, CAPT. MILTON.—Son of Levi and Lucy (Titus) Everett [95]. Built part of the original A. Jay Messer house, and res. there until he removed to Springfield. Later he returned to N. L. and res. on the John Ellis place. The house was burned in October, 1846, and Milton built the one now standing. Was a farmer and a captain in state militia. He d. Feb. 28, 1884, in Iowa. Zillah, his wife, dau. of Seth and Zillah (Woodbury) Gay [100], d. March 15, 1861, at N. L. Children:

1. Jonathan G., b. Nov. 28, 1817; m. Mary A., dau. of Levi and Mary (Adams) Harvey, b. Feb. 3, 1818; res. in N. L.
2. Julia A., b. Aug. 22, 1819; m. (1) ——— Odiorn; m. (2), Dec. 28, 1849, Joseph A. Morrill of Wheelock, Vt.
3. Harrison, b. March 30, 1825; res. in Chicago.
4. Orlando, b. April 6, 1828; went to California.
5. Rufus, b. Feb. 17, 1830; went West.
6. Benjamin G., b. Dec. 3, 1834; m., Aug. 9, 1873, Mrs. Sarah E. Crafts, widow of Enos Collins Crafts, and dau. of Greene and Peace (Chase) Johnson of Henniker; res. at Elkins.
7. Newton C., b. Feb. 8, 1837; m. and went West.

EVERETT, OTIS.—Son of Penuel and Hannah (Slack) Everett [97]. Res. on Low Plain at the R. E. Farwell house; removed to the West. Children:

1. Elbridge G., b. June 13, 1816.
2. Sally S., b. Jan. 11, 1818; m., Jan. 1, 1838, William S., son of John and Caty (Ward) Shepard, and removed to Albany, N. Y. (See John, under children of Lieut. Ebenezer and Jane (McCordy) Shepard, *p.* 149.)
3. William F., b. Dec. 13, 1820; d. March 14, 1821.
4. Hannah S., b. March 9, 1822.
5. Robert B., b. May 17, 1824.
6. George H., b. Aug. 26, 1826.
7. Mary M., b. Sept. 29, 1828.
8. Otis H., b. Aug. 16, 1832.

EVERETT, RICHARD.—Son of Penuel and Hannah (Slack) Everett [97]. Res. on R. E. Farwell place, R. F. Sargent place, and later on Burpee hill at Newton L. Sargent's. He

finally removed to Newport, where he d. Aug. 18, 1869. Rhoda (Haskins) Everett, b. Grafton, Dec. 31, 1792, d. Feb. 15, 1877. Children :

1. Samuel Haskins, b. Sept. 17, 1820; removed to Manchester and was one of the earliest journalists of that city, if not the very first. He d. May 5, 1843.
2. Charles Pinckney, b. March 28, 1825; m. Rosaline G., dau. of John and Miriam (Sargent) Page, and res. at Newport. No child.
3. Rhoda Harriet, b. Aug. 26, 1829; m. James Kenerson, an employé of the New London Scythe company. About 1856 they removed to the West, where Rhoda d. in 1865, leaving a dau., Carrie. Mrs. Kenerson was a woman of fine literary tastes, and a frequent contributor to the press. "Moonbeams," published in 1856, opens with these stanzas :

"Part the curtains from the lattice,
 "Open wide the cabin door;
 "Let the silvery moonbeams enter,
 "Let them flood the cabin floor.

"For I know that they are shining,
 "As of old they used to shine,
 "On that mountain-buried hamlet,
 "On that dear old home of mine."

FALES, NATHANIEL.—Son of Nathaniel and Mary (Everett) Fales [98]. His wife was Rebekah, dau. of Ensign Nathaniel Everett [96]. Removed soon after 1812 to Dedham, Mass. Children :

1. David, b. June 22, 1808; m. and res. in Dedham.
2. Miranda, b. Sept. 4, 1810.
3. Eliza Ann, b. Nov. 6, 1812.
4. Rhapsima, b. Jan. 13, 1818; d. March 24, 1819.

FALES, SAMUEL.—Son of Nathaniel and Mary (Everett) Fales [98]. Res. at Lakeside and on Summer street. Samuel d. Dec. 25, 1861; Susanna, his wife, d. Feb. 10, 1862, aged 70 years. Children :

1. Seth Ellis, b. Oct. 15, 1811; removed to Williamsburg, N. Y.
2. Samuel, b. March 31, 1813; d. April 30, 1836.
3. Rosinda, b. Jan. 23, 1815; m., September, 1837, Smith Brown, and res. in Wilmot.
4. Betsey, b. Jan. 11, 1817; m. John Stearns, and res. at Lawrence, Mass.
5. Adoniram J., b. June 20, 1818; d. unmarried, June 7, 1842.

6. Nathaniel, b. March 31, 1821; removed to Williamsburg, N. Y.
7. Joseph Warren, b. June 20, 1823; d. March 27, 1824.
8. Joseph Warren, b. April 20, 1825; moved to Lawrence, Mass., where he m.
9. Susan Emily, b. June 15, 1829; m. Mr. Prince, and res. in Amherst, Mass.

FELLOWS, REUBEN.—About 1820, Reuben Fellows was living on the opposite side of the road from the John Ellis place and a little beyond, in a house which was probably the one built by Solomon Adams and removed from Bucklin's corner. Reuben came from Salisbury to Springfield, and thence to N. L. His wife was Hannah Heath of Salisbury. In a few years he removed his family to Vermont, with the exception of the oldest dau., Catherine, who remained in the family of Dea. Dexter Everett. He was a man of powerful physique, and once chopped a cord of wood in an hour, on a wager of 'Squire Colby's; only a few chips had to be piled on to make a measured cord. As a wrestler no one could stand against him. One night a stranger put up at the Herrick tavern, and boasted that he would throw any one they might bring on. Fellows was sent for, and found abed and asleep, but he got up, came to the tavern, and threw the stranger the first round. Children:

1. Catherine, b. Salisbury; m., March, 1837, Levi R. Nichols; res. in N. L.
 2. Benjamin F., b. N. L.; went to Lebanon and m.
 3. Alice,
 4. Cyrilla,
 5. Susan,
 6. Sarah J.,
 7. Augusta,
- } all went West, and m.
8. John, is a farmer; res. in Jackson, Mich.

FLETCHER, JOEL.—About 1785 there came to Newport from Bumfield, Mass., Ephraim and Sarah (Davenport) Fletcher, with three sons. Joel, the oldest son, who had a family, later took up land in Newbury. In May, 1791, he was taking clay across Lake Sunapee in a barge, and not far from Big island was struck by a severe squall. The barge filled and sank, and Mr. Fletcher was drowned. This Joel had by his wife Dillah (Delia) four children,—(1) Joel, b. Bumfield, Mass.,

March 23, 1784, who res. in N. L.; (2) Asenath, b. Newport, Jan. 25, 1787, who m. Levi Gile of Sutton, Dec. 29, 1808; (3) Mahaleth, b. Feb. 17, 1789, and d. Aug. 18, 1792; (4) Dillah (Delia), b. June 9, 1791, who m. (1), Nov. 19, 1811, Benjamin Gile [251]; m. (2) Nathaniel C. Todd, and res. in N. L. Dilly, widow of the elder Joel, m. (2), Jan. 12, 1794, Anthony Sargent [136]. Joel, the son, res. on Davis, and afterwards on Burpee, hill. He m., May 22, 1804, Hannah, dau. of David and Catharine (Shepard) Smith [161], and d. April 4, 1859. He was a justice of the peace. Children:

1. Alanson, b. Sept. 16, 1805; a blacksmith; m. Almira Chase of Sunapee; res. on the Ai Worthen place in N. L., later was in Newport, and d. in Massachusetts. His son Charles m. Mary Adelaide, dau. of Nathaniel C. and Delia (Fletcher) (Gile) Todd, b. Dec. 1, 1835, and res. in Millville, Mass., where he does a large business as a druggist. Children: Flora, Fred, Effie. Alanson's widow m. (2) Mr. Tucker, a bank president of Blackstone, Mass.
2. Anthony S., b. May 25, 1807; m., April 10, 1839, Delia W., dau. of Seth and Zillah (Woodbury) Gay [100].
3. Ariel K., b. Jan. 23, 1809.
4. Joel, b. July 18, 1811.
5. Daniel M., b. Nov. 1, 1813; d. Jan. 4, 1815.
6. Charles G., b. March 15, 1816; d. Nov. 22, 1832.
7. Delia S., b. June 30, 1818; m., March, 1840, Francis Ritt of Quincy, Mass.
8. Matilda S., b. March 30, 1821; m. James F., son of Ira and Amanda (Dow) Smith; res. in Woonsocket, R. I.
9. Rebekah G., b. Oct. 30, 1824.

FOSTER, DR. JOHN H.—Doctor Foster came to N. L. in 1821, but remained only a few years. He served as school committee in 1822 and 1823.

FRENCH, GREENE.—Greene, son of Greene French of Hopkinton, was b. Feb. 15, 1767. For him and his brother Oliver his father purchased three hundred acres of land in Sutton in 1798. Oliver established himself in Sutton, and reared a large family; but Greene seems to have lived in N. L., first in a house which used to stand on the "back road" to Wilmot Flat a little southwest of the mouth of the road which leads to the Cyrus French place in Sutton, and later in the dwelling now occupied by John W. Morse, which was erected early in the

present century. Greene French was a very active man, had a perfect passion for clearing land, and became very wealthy. He also made use of every opportunity for mental cultivation, and in that way obtained more than an ordinary education. He was scrupulously upright, and wonderfully resolute. In the house which he built on Colby hill are chambers and ante-chambers which were furnished specially for Masonic meetings in the exciting days of 1826, when the faithful members of King Solomon's lodge, F. and A. M., had to keep their place of meeting secret. He was a Royal Arch Chapter Mason, and very prominent in the order. His wife was Mary, dau. of Laban Page, b. Dunbarton, Aug. 15, 1767. He d. Jan. 28, 1843; she d. March 12, 1848. Their children were:

1. Mary, b. June 7, 1793; m. (1), Feb. 19, 1816, Allen Knowlton of Wendall; m. (2) Captain Hartford, and res. in N. L.
2. Charles, b. Aug. 15, 1795; m. Clarissa Smith of Bradford, and res. in Sutton. Children:
 - (1). Clarissa, an invalid, who d. young.
 - (2). George S., b. Dec. 23, 1829; m. (1) Mary Ann Felch, m. (2) Flora M. Crane, and res. in Sutton. Five children.
 - (3). Sarah S., b. April 21, 1834; m. Josiah Rowe. Five children.
 - (4). Mary C., b. Feb. 1, 1837; m. Edward B. Moody.
3. Lydia, b. 1801; d. April 18, 1819.
4. Hannah Blanchard, b. Sept. 23, 1809; m., Dec. 13, 1832, Benjamin R., son of Samuel Andrew of Sutton, b. June 29, 1810; res. in N. L.

GAGE, ASA.—The Gage family trace their descent from the John Gage who came to Salem with Governor Winthrop in 1630. The first representative in N. L. was Asa, son of Asa and Olive (Hovey) Gage, who was b. March 31, 1780, and d. Aug. 24, 1860, in Methuen, Mass. Asa, the father, was son of Amos and Mehitable (Kimball) Gage. Amos was b. in Bradford, Mass., July 28, 1718, and d. at Pelham, Sept. 8, 1792. Asa, the son, m. Abigail, dau. of David and Elizabeth (Atwood) Gage and a sister of Jonathan below. Asa res. in Pelham until 1813, when he removed to N. L. and located on the farm on the opposite side of the highway from Anthony Sargent's (Frank Jewett's) in the West Part. Children:

1. Emily, b. Pelham, June 14, 1802; m., Oct. 10, 1822, David S., son of David and Phebe (Mastin) Gile [104], and res. in N. L., Corinth, Me., and Lowell, Mass. David d. in Chicago, Ill. Miss Abby Gile, 317 South Kenilworth Ave., Oak Park, Ill., is Emily's dau. Emily d. at Boston, Mass., 1850.
2. Achsa, b. May 7, 1804; m., Nov. 1, 1825, Nathaniel Marsh, and res. in Pelham; d. Aug. 9, 1828. Child: Nathaniel, Jr., b. Oct. 3, 1826; d. April 29, 1830.
3. Olive E., b. March 7, 1806; m., Sept. 8, 1829, Nathaniel Marsh (his second wife), and res. at Dracut, Mass.; d. at Dracut, Jan. 1, 1842. Nathaniel d. at Dracut, Feb. 7, 1840. Children:
 - (1). Achsa, b. June 5, 1830; res. at Lowell, Mass.
 - (2). Nancy, b. Sept. 25, 1831; d. Aug. 26, 1832.
 - (3). Nathaniel, b. April 25, 1833; d. July 2, 1833.
 - (4). Nancy, b. July 18, 1834; d. June 13, 1861, in Chicago.
 - (5). Caroline H., b. April 8, 1836; res. in Charleston, S. C.
 - (6). Nathaniel, b. March 1, 1838; d. Jan. 26, 1840.
 - (7). Abigail, b. Jan. 10, 1840; d. July 26, 1840.
4. Addison, b. Feb. 12, 1808; m. Anna Harrington of Woburn, Mass., and res. in Charlestown, Cambridge, and Arlington, Mass., at which last named place he d. October, 1868. He was in the ice business in Boston, and left three out of five children, two of whom are still living,—one, the oldest dau., is Mrs. C. H. Newell of Arlington.
5. Caroline, b. Windham, March 10, 1810; d. 1850, unmarried, at Sacramento, Cal.
6. George W., b. Pelham, March 9, 1812; m. Sarah Barker, and res. at Methuen and Boston, Mass., and Chicago. His wife d. at Chicago. He kept the City hotel in Boston and the Tremont in Chicago. He is deceased. Six children, one of whom is Miss Caroline E. Gage, Dorchester, Mass.
7. Charles P., b. N. L., April 9, 1814; m. Sarah B. Crocker, and res. at Mobile, Ala. Both are deceased. The only child now living is Miss Olive Gage, Concord, Mass.
8. David A., b. April 20, 1816; d. April 1, 1819.
9. Ezekiel C., b. March 20, 1818; d. unmarried at Methuen, Mass., Nov. 26, 1839.
10. Alva, b. March 18, 1820; m., Oct. 18, 1831, Sarah, dau. of Jeremiah and Betsey (Blake) Burpee [221], at Charlestown, Mass., and was in City hotel, Boston, for a time, but removed to Charleston, S. C., where he was in ice business. Sarah d. in 1861, and Alva m. (2) her sister, Joanna. He d.

- suddenly, Sept. 12, 1896, at Saluda, N. C. Joanna, though an invalid, survives, but there are no children.
11. David A., b. June 30, 1822; m. (1) Faustina Locke of Lexington, Mass.; m. (2) Elisa Wetherbee of Charlestown, who d. November, 1894. A dau. by Faustina is now Mrs. Clara (Gage) Clark of Chicago. David res. in Keene, Chicago, Ill., Denver, Col., and Charlestown, where he d.
 12. Abigail, b. March 16, 1824; m. (1) E. L. Snow of Charlestown, Mass., who d. in Mobile, Ala.; m. (2) William F. Tucker of Boston, where they res. Abigail d. at City hotel, Boston, in 1853. One son, Edwin E. Snow, d. in Chicago.
 13. Asa, b. Dec. 20, 1825; never m.; d. Boston.
 14. Mary Alice, b. Aug. 13, 1827; m. Enoch Gove, and res. in Boston, then removed to California; is deceased. Children: Addison Gage, who d. young; Jere D., res. in San Francisco, Cal.
 15. Daniel A., m., and res. in Chicago, Ill., where he d. in 1873. His widow res. in Chicago, with her dau., Mrs. J. B. Wayman. Another dau., Mrs. W. C. Runyon, res. in Cleveland, Ohio.

GAGE, JONATHAN.—This son of David and Elizabeth (Atwood) Gage came to N. L. in 1816, from Cornish, where the family had res. for five years, going thither from Pelham. His home here was at the "Hiram Baker place" in the West Part. His wife was born Sarah Pettengill of Methuen, Mass., whose mother was a Burbank. The children of Jonathan and Sarah (Pettengill) Gage were,—

1. John, b. Pelham, July 3, 1809; m. (1), Jan. 13, 1836, Rebekah Greeley and res. in Pelham; m. (2), Feb. 20, 1856, Mary Green. He d. Feb. 2, 1877. Children: Sarah, Eliphallet B., George, Clarence, Mary.
2. David, b. Pelham, Nov. 10, 1810; m., Sept. 19, 1837, Clarissa Sterling; d. Jan. 2, 1879. Children: Thankful, Adeline, Herbert.
3. Jonathan, b. Cornish, Dec. 11, 1812; did not m.; d. June 1, 1854.
4. Milton, b. Cornish, Jan. 6, 1815; m. (1), Nov. 1, 1838, Roxana C., dau. of Job and Olive (Woodbury) Seamans; res. in N. L., then in Pelham five years, then in Boston ten years, and since 1860 at North Cambridge, Mass. Roxana d. May 5, 1849, and Milton m. (2), Oct. 5, 1852, Margaret Morrison. Children:
(1). Infant son, b. May 2, 1840; d. May 13, 1840.

- (2). Olive F., b. Sept. 3, 1841; m., June 12, 1866, Jonas P. Hayward of Ashby, Mass., who d. Nov. 29, 1887. She res. at North Cambridge, Mass.
- (3). Celia I., b. July 29, 1843; m., June 23, 1863, John J. Henderson, of the firm of Henderson Bros., carriage-makers, Cambridge, Mass., and res. at North Cambridge. Children: Cora C., Mabel, Grace, Roxana.
5. Newton, b. N. L., Dec. 29, 1817; m. (1) Harriet Campbell, and res. in Acworth; m. (2), May 11, 1852, Mrs. Olivia (Arnold) Hitchcock; d. June 16, 1894. Children:
 - (1). Edward Lewis, b. May 26, 1846; d. April, 1892.
 - (2). Seth N., b. April 2, 1857; m., Jan. 13, 1886, Cora, dau. of John J. and Celia (Gage) Henderson above mentioned; res. North Cambridge, Mass. Child: Grace Gladys, b. Aug. 6, 1888.
 - (4). Alfred S., b. Feb. 8, 1860; m., May, 1894, Ida Swan, and res. at Alpine, Tex.
6. Sarah, b. Jan. 12, 1820; d. Sept. 5, 1820.
7. Mehitabel, b. Nov. 17, 1821; d. Oct. 1, 1832.
8. Daniel, b. Aug. 17, 1823; d. Aug. 18, 1824.
9. Joseph, b. May 15, 1825; m., Jan. 23, 1850, Clara A. Whiting; d. October, 1885.
10. Hannah E., b. July 4, 1827; d. Oct. 10, 1828.
11. Mary, d. July 15, 1831, aged 3 mos.

GATES, JOHN.—The father of the Gates family in New England was Stephen, son of Thomas, b. in Hingham, England. He came across the water, 1638, in the ship *Diligent*, with his wife, Ann, and two children, and settled at Hingham, Mass. In 1654 was one of the founders of Lancaster, Mass., and d. at Cambridge in 1662. He had seven children. One of these, Simeon, b. 1645, m. Margaret —, of Cambridge, and d. April 21, 1693, leaving eight children. Of these, Jonathan, b. 1683, had a son Jonathan, b. 1717, who m. Abigail —, and had Paul, Elizabeth, William, and Amos. Paul, b. June 22, 1757, m. Polly Mahan, and served in the Revolutionary army. He res. at Worcester, Mass., where he d. Jan. 14, 1843. Paul's children were Samuel, John, Artemas, Nathaniel, Betsey,—part of them by a second wife, whose maiden name was Sarah Pearce.

One of these children, John, b. Aug. 31, 1781, learned the tanner's trade, and m., May 28, 1809, at Wrentham, Mass., Emily, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett [95].

In November, 1815, John removed to N. L., and succeeded Joseph Putney as tanner at the Four Corners. He lived in a house which stood where the Mrs. Keziah Sargent dwelling now is. After twelve years at this first location he removed to the farm now owned by George M. Knight, Esq. He remained there fifteen years, and then res. in the J. H. Todd house, where he d. Feb. 22, 1853; Emily d. Feb. 8, 1862, at Warner. Children:

1. Francis A., b. March 15, 1810; educated at Waterville (Me.) college and at Washington, D. C.; a school teacher in Georgia, and at Cherryfield, Me.; later was a farmer near Davenport, Ia.; m. Hannah P. Williams of Waterville, Me.; had three sons and two daus., four of whom are now living in the West.
2. Henry R., b. Nov. 16, 1812; m., Nov. 26, 1835, Jemima K., dau. of Job Williams of Sunapee, and res. in N. L.
3. Susan F., b. Sept. 27, 1814; d. Dec. 27, 1815.
4. Betsey C., b. July 20, 1817; d. Oct. 22, 1818.
5. John L., b. March 31, 1823; d. Sept. 2, 1823.
6. Almira D. E., b. May 26, 1827; educated at N. L. and at New Hampton Literary Institution; m., Sept. 20, 1851, Trask W. Raleigh of Wilmot; res. in N. L. and Warner, now in Boscawen. Child:
 - (1). Sarah E., b. Nov. 8, 1852; m., June 1, 1874, Porter Blanchard of Barre, Vt., and has two daus., Belle and Bessie.
7. Rhoda E., b. May 3, 1829; d. Jan. 17, 1832.

GAY, DAVID.—Son of William and Abigail (Carpenter) Gay [102]; tanner in Low Plain district; removed to Newport, where he passed the remainder of his life at Northville. Child:

1. Lydia D., b. March 10, 1820; m., July 19, 1839, Ezra T. Sibley, a scythe worker, who served his apprenticeship at Millbury, Mass., and removed thence to N. L. He and his family went to Newport in 1845, where he purchased an interest in the scythe factory at Northville, of which he became the sole owner later. He was a selectman of Newport in 1853, and a representative in 1871 and 1872. Children:
 - (1). Amelia R., b. April 7, 1840; m., Nov. 2, 1857, Samuel W. Allen, b. at Wells, Me., Nov. 7, 1834, and res. at Newport (Northville); eight children.
 - (2). Frank A., b. Jan. 28, 1851; was a partner with his father in the scythe business; has given much attention to music.

GAY, ELIPHALET.—Son of Gen. Eliphalet and Anna (Wadleigh) Gay [99]; m. (1), Abigail, dau. of Abner and Abigail (Sargent) Whittier [166], who d. May 31, 1842; m. (2), Mahala, dau. of Samuel and Dolly (Worthen) Robie of Springfield, b. Sept. 6, 1806. Eliphalet res. on the homestead until after the marriage of his dau. Mary. Mrs. Fiske built the Levi Sanborn house; and there Eliphalet d., March 1, 1872. "Aunt Mahala," as she was called, always used the fireplace and brick oven for cooking. She d. Oct. 6, 1891. The Sunday-schools on Colby hill and at Elkins were generously remembered in her will. Children:

1. Mary, b. Sept. 3, 1818; m., Feb. 1, 1836, Elbridge G. Fiske, b. Sept. 19, 1812. They res. in N. L. for a short time, and their dau., Mary Josephine, was b. here, Nov. 12, 1836. Mr. Fiske then moved to New York state, where Mary d.
2. Nancy K., b. Dec. 22, 1823; went to Michigan, where she m. Mr. Adams.

GILE, BENJAMIN.—Son of David and Phebe (Mastin) Gile [103]; res. in West Part; d. in middle life, and his widow, Delia, dau. of Joel Fletcher [244], m. (2), Oct. 20, 1825, Nathaniel C. Todd (his second wife). Children:

1. Alberto, b. May 31, 1812; learned brass founder's trade; removed to Charlestown, Mass., where he m., had children, and d.
2. Rosaline, b. March 16, 1814; m. Benjamin Piper, wood manufacturer, of Manchester, where they res.; she d. at Massachusetts General hospital, the result of a surgical operation. No surviving children.
3. Dilly (Delia) S., b. Feb. 8, 1816; m. Benjamin Farnum of Newport. A dau., Hattie P., m., May 10, 1871, Roger, son of John and Lydia (Bugbee) Williams, and res. in N. L.

GILE, DAVID.—Son of David and Phebe (Mastin) Gile [103]; res. in N. L., Corinth, Me., and elsewhere (see Emily, under Asa Gage, this chapter).

GREENWOOD, SAMUEL.—Samuel Greenwood, who came to N. L. from Weston, Mass., in 1816, and kept a store and tavern in the hip-roofed house on Summer street, became a prominent citizen in his adopted town. His wife, whom he m. Sept. 5, 1816, was Martha, dau. of Nahum and Louisa (Fiskes) Trayne of Weston, and sister of Capt. Marshall Trayne, who was later associated with his brother-in-law in the store.

Martha was b. Jan. 26, 1796, and d. March 29, 1869. Samuel was b. Nov. 1, 1790, and d. May 11, 1858. He was postmaster from 1827 to 1830; served as quartermaster of the Thirtieth regiment under Col. Anthony Colby from 1823 to 1827, was promoted to adjutant in 1828, and major in 1832. Children:

1. Martha E., b. June 22, 1817; m., Jan. 23, 1840, Daniel E., son of Anthony and Mary (Everett) Colby; res. in N. L.
2. Mary T., b. Feb. 8, 1820; was valedictorian of the class of 1839, New London academy. Prof. Calvin Stowe, D. D., was an intimate friend of the Greenwood family, visiting with them on his annual trip to Dartmouth college. Learning Mary's desire to teach, he offered to assist her, and in September, 1839, she journeyed with the Stowes to Ohio, spending the winter in the home at Walnut Hills and teaching a private school. In the spring Professor Stowe secured for her an excellent position in Kentucky, where she taught very successfully until her marriage to Reuben Runyon of that state. Mrs. Runyon now (1897) makes her home with her sister Martha, in N. L.
3. Samuel F., b. Nov. 14, 1822; d. Jan. 18, 1823.
4. James C., b. April 23, 1824; m., July 3, 1849, Martha A., dau. of Abial and Mary (Woodbury) Burpee, and res. in N. L.
5. Nahum T., b. Jan. 24, 1827; m., June 11, 1850, Judith Maria, dau. of Perley and Judith (Colby) Burpee, and res. in N. L.

HARRIMAN, CALEB.—First known settler on Charles S. Whitney place in Scytheville district. He m. Betsey Carr in 1812. Harriman sold his farm to Joseph Colby, Feb. 28, 1826.

HARVEY, JACOB, JR.—In 1821, Jacob Harvey of Sutton, and his sons Jacob and Moses, removed to Otterville, having purchased the mill privilege of Jesse Blake. Jacob the elder was the grandson of William, one of the two Harvey brothers who were in America previous to 1640. He was the son of John and Anna (Davis) Harvey, b. March 7, 1728, and d. in N. L., April 1, 1822. By his third wife, Rhoda, dau. of Christopher and Anna (Sargent) Sargent, he had the two sons who came with him to N. L. Jacob, Jr., b. Jan. 28, 1799, was associated with his brother in the Otterville mills. In 1833 he removed to Concord, Ohio, and there m., in 1846, Mrs. Lydia H. Rogers; d. Nov. 27, 1883. Child:

1. Rhoda A., b. May 24, 1849; m., 1867, George W. Doty of Concord, Ohio. Children:

- (1). Clarence, b. May 10, 1870; d. Aug. 5, 1870.

- (2). Ada B., b. Dec. 5, 1871.

- (3). Harry L., b. Jan. 10, 1875.

HARVEY, JONATHAN.—Son of Levi and Betsey (Randlett) Harvey [107]; is the earliest school teacher on record as employed by the town, having taught in the first schoolhouse, near the Hominy Pot. Jonathan m. Hannah, dau. of Theophilus Cram [234], and res. at Scytheville, where he was engaged in the saw-mill. He is said to have built and operated the first grist-mill at Scytheville. Later he exchanged the mill privilege with Governor Colby for 50 acres of land near Wilmot Flat. He had a log house near the store building, and Isaac Bunker, who succeeded him in the mill, lived in it while he was building the present "Waldemere." Children:

1. Hannah.

2. Perry, m. Mary E. Welch, of Danbury Depot, and res. at Scytheville.

3. Dearborn, b. Jan. 15, 1816; m. Hannah Welch, and res. in N. L.

HARVEY, CAPT. MOSES S.—Son of Jacob and Rhoda (Sargent) Harvey mentioned under Jacob Harvey above; was miller at Otterville and prominent in the militia, where he gained his title. Before coming to N. L. he was with his father at Sutton, where he m. Sarah, dau. of Thomas and Miriam (Atwood) Wadleigh, b. April 25, 1796, and was for several years a prominent and influential citizen. In 1833 he removed to Ohio, and settled at Concord. Moses was made judge of probate in 1863, and moved his family to Painesville, where he d. March 24, 1870. Sarah d. May 1, 1876. The Sanford Fisher place is the old Harvey farm, and originally went with the mills. The "mill house" stood near the present site, and was the first built at Otterville; Moses Harvey built the Sanford Fisher house. Children:

1. Joseph, b. N. L., Feb. 19, 1818; m., April 4, 1839, Cynthia M. Chase, b. at Evansville, Ind., and res. at Perry, Lake county, Ohio. Children:

- (1). Sarah A., b. March 8, 1845; d. May 12, 1861.

- (2). Helen R., b. Jan. 22, 1849; d. Sept. 8, 1852.

- (3). Nellie M., b. Feb. 22, 1853; d. June 12, 1860.

2. Thomas W., b. Dec. 18, 1821; m., Feb. 6, 1849, Louisa O. Beebe, b. March 20, 1826, in Mentor, Ohio, and res. at Painesville. Children:
 - (1). Millicent L., b. June 23, 1850; d. June 2, 1851.
 - (2). Thomas A., b. Oct. 6, 1851; m., Feb. 6, 1879, Elizabeth Chadwick, and res. at Saginaw, Mich.
 - (3). Mary B., b. Aug. 21, 1854.
 - (4). Louisa E., b. Nov. 10, 1858.
 - (5). Sarah N., b. Aug. 3, 1864.
 - (6). Anna S., b. Sept. 12, 1867.
3. Rhoda S., b. Oct. 25, 1825; d. Sept. 10, 1836.
4. Moses C., b. April 23, 1830; m. Emily Chapin, b. at Walpole; res. for a time at Tres Piedras, N. M., but d. at Concord, Ohio. Children:
 - (1). Cora J., b. April 11, 1855; m. Cullen Palmer and res. in Concord, Ohio. Two children, Bessie and Jessie.
 - (2). Mattie M., b. May 6, 1865; is deceased.

HASELTON, EBENEZER.—In 1792, Sept. 6, when Ebenezer Haselton m. Martha Shepard (probably a dau. of Jonathan Shepard [160]), he was “of Fishersfield.” Later he was in Stoddard, but in 1800 the four corners on the now Davis hill near the “old Ai Worthen place” were known as “Ebenezer Haselton’s corner,” and in 1805 Ebenezer became a citizen of N. L., when the land around his “corner” was disannexed from Wendall. His wife is said to have committed suicide. Children:

1. Isaac, b. Fishersfield, Sept. 12, 1793; m. Mary, dau. of James Hasard of Springfield; built the third house at Otterville.
2. Benjamin, b. Stoddard, May 26, 1795; m. Lucy, sister of Theodore Abbot [213].
3. Ebenezer, b. Jan. 11, 1797; m. a dau. of Joseph Sanborn; committed suicide by hanging.
4. Phebe, b. Sept. 8, 1798; m. Jonathan Russell of George’s Mills (his second wife).
5. Sarah, b. May 14, 1804; became the third wife of Jonathan Russell above.

HAYES, JAMES.—Son of Dea. Zebedee and Chloe Hayes [109]; res. in the cottage on the Austin Morgan farm; d. Oct. 29, 1856. His wife was the dau. of Noah and Olive Fuller, who were living in Westmoreland in 1825. A letter written to their dau. in that year is on a foolscap sheet folded envelope

fashion and sealed. It reached N. L. by way of Keene. Children :

1. James E., b. Dec. 19, 1811 ; d. Feb. 20, 1815.
2. George W. F., b. June 20, 1813 ; m. Louisa K. Morrill, and res. in N. L.
3. James, b. June 4, 1817 ; d. Nov. 19, 1821.
4. Olive, b. May 13, 1819 ; never m. ; res. at Scytheville. *d. Mar 1900*
5. William H., b. Jan. 14, 1824 ; m. and moved to Fitchburg, Mass., where he established an umbrella manufactory. He is deceased.

HAYES, JOHN.—Son of Dea. Zebedee and Chloe Hayes [109] ; built the house where Charles Wells now lives. Abigail d. Sept. 20, 1856 ; John fell from a sled, and d. of his injuries Jan. 14, 1835. Children :

1. Chloe, b. April 8, 1815 ; d. Nov. 11, 1821.
2. Melvina, b. May 17, 1817 ; m. Dudley Langley, and res. in Wilmot.
3. Adaline, b. May 15, 1819 ; d. Nov. 17, 1821.
4. Jerusha, b. April 11, 1821 ; d. April 28, 1822.
5. John M., b. Feb. 16, 1823 ; m., Jan. 23, 1850, Susan Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel and Nancy (Greeley) Carr, b. Aug. 28, 1826 ; res. in N. L.
6. Archibald M., m. Lois, dau. of Ezekiel and Emily (Adams) Sargent [139] ; was a lawyer ; res. in Hastings, Minn.
7. Oren Tracy, m. (1), Lucena A., dau. of Jonathan and Polly (Collins) Emerson of Newport, who res. at one time on the Frank Todd farm in N. L. Oren moved to Hastings, Minn., where Lucena d. July 18, 1858. He m. (2), Mary Matthews, who survives him. Children :
 (1). Harry H., b. Sept. 25, 1851 ; d. young.
 (2). Henry H., b. June 21, 1853 ; m., Dec. 3, 1874, Cecelia N. Chicquot of Hastings, Minn. ; res. in Sunapee. Children : (a) Harry H., b. June 28, 1876 ; (b) Harly H., b. Oct. 26, 1877 ; (c) Nina A., b. Oct. 2, 1878.
8. Christopher C., d. March 10, 1832, aged nearly 2 years.
9. Solomon A., d. March 15, 1832, aged 8 mos.

HEATH, MOSES.—In the list of baptisms recorded by Elder Seamans under date of April 19, 1793, is the name of Moses Heath, with this note,—“a young man deaf and dumb from his birth.” Moses Heath worked for 'Squire Colby many years, and laid the greater part of the stone wall on the farm,—work in which he was particularly skilful. He con-

versed by means of signs, and though naturally of quick temper, proved the genuineness of his Christian belief by the consistent life he afterwards led. In 1822 he purchased the farm now owned by John Colby, and m. Sarah, dau. of Moses and Sarah (Knowlton) Trussell [163]. They had,—

1. Lewis A. W., m., Sept. 20, 1845, Sophia, dau. of Stephen B. and Dolly (Greeley) Carleton of Sutton, b. 1822; res. in N. L.

HERRICK, CAPT. JONATHAN.—Son of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick [109]; res. on Colby hill, where he kept tavern many years. In 1840 he built the cottage opposite the Burpee homestead. Sarah, his wife, dau. of Lieut. Joseph Colby [85], d. Jan. 29, 1823, and he m. (2), July 22, 1824, Rhoda, dau. of Jonathan and Mary (Messenger) Everett [94]. Rhoda d. Oct. 29, 1834, and Jonathan m. (3) Lucy Pearce, who d. Aug. 30, 1842, aged 50 years. Captain Herrick d. May 15, 1847. Children:

1. Joseph C., b. Aug. 24, 1812; m., December, 1836, Elima S., dau. of Israel and Lucinda (Everett) Hunting, and res. in N. L.
2. George W., b. Oct. 9, 1815; never m.; was stage-driver, and for many years messenger for Cheney's express; d. April 23, 1888, leaving generous bequests for public purposes.
3. Nancy C., b. March 24, 1817; m., Sept. 1, 1845, Henry V. Dexter of Newton, Mass.
4. Mary E., b. April 11, 1826; d. Sept. 16, 1848.
5. Jonathan E., b. July 20, 1827; a physician, now resident at 128 Madison Ave., New York city.

HERRICK, NATHAN.—Son of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick [109]; res. at the West Part in N. L. for a time, then moved to Corinth, Me., afterwards to Kansas. Children, recorded in N. L.:

1. Loammi S., b. Sept. 1, 1806.
2. Elma, b. Oct. 12, 1811; d. Nov. 12, 1811.
3. Elma, b. July 3, 1813.
4. Nathan F., b. Aug. 17, 1814.

HOBSON, DAVID.—Came to N. L. before 1800 as a "hired man"; m., April 13, 1799, Judith, dau. of Benjamin and Judith Adams [66]; res. on Summer street and at West Part; removed to Dorchester. Children, recorded in N. L.:



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1. Benjamin A., d. Aug. 6, 1800, "aet. 4 m. 3 d."
2. David, d. July 28, 1817, "aet. 7 hours 30 minutes."

HUNTING, ISRAEL.—Son of Dea. Ebenezer and Hannah (Ordway) Hunting [112]. Israel built opposite his father in the Low Plain district, and res. there until 1839, when he sold the place to the town for a poor farm. He res. at Todd corner, in the Nelson and Jacob Todd houses, and about 1851 removed to the Albert Hunting place. Later he res. in the General Clough house, where he d. Oct. 5, 1863. Lucinda (Everett) Hunting d. at the home of her son Albert, April 5, 1880. Children:

1. Virgil M., b. Jan. 20, 1809; never m.; res. in N. L.; d. March 5, 1869.
2. Louisa E., b. July 2, 1811; d. May 17, 1831.
3. Elima S., b. March 9, 1813; m., December, 1836, Joseph C., son of Jonathan and Sarah (Colby) Herrick, and res. in N. L.
4. Milton E., b. July 11, 1815; d. May 27, 1816.
5. Susan R., b. Sept. 13, 1817; d. Jan. 5, 1834.
6. John M., b. Dec. 16, 1819; d. Dec. 22, 1841.
7. Albert R., b. Oct. 2, 1821; m., June 18, 1851, Clara E., dau. of Reuben Burt of Windsor, Vt., and res. in N. L.
8. Henry E., b. Jan. 13, 1824; m., November, 1845, Ann H. Brown of South Hampton, and res. in Cambridgeport, Mass.; d. Oct. 25, 1878; no children.
9. Sylvan S., b. March 22, 1826; m. (1), October, 1855, Carrie E. Stowell of Brookfield, Mass.; m. (2), Nov. 18, 1858, Julia M. Stevens of North Andover, Mass.; was a Unitarian minister, educated at N. L. academy and Harvard Divinity school; res. at Brookfield, Mass., Manchester, and Detroit, Mich. He enlisted as chaplain of Twenty-First Michigan volunteers; after the war was at Quincy, Ill., Davenport and Des Moines, Ia.; d. at Des Moines, June 2, 1894, leaving three children, Stanley F. and Charles S. of Des Moines, and Nathaniel S., a physician of Quincy, Mass.
10. Herman I., b. Feb. 1, 1828; m. Priscilla Sampson of Boston, Nov. 18, 1852, and res. at Cambridgeport, Mass., where he d. June 2, 1872. Children:
 - (1). Herbert R., who res. at Jamaica Plain, Mass.
 - (2). Emma S., who m. Charles Macauley, and res. at Randolph, Mass.
11. Marcellus M., b. Jan. 4, 1831; d. May 18, 1834.

HUTCHINS, JAMES.—Son of James and Susanna Hutchins [114]; res. on Daniel S. Seamans place and at Otterville; m. Polly (whose surname was perhaps Rowe). James d. at George's Mills, June 27, 1868; Polly d. March 3, 1840, aged 45 years. James is said to have had a second wife after his removal to George's Mills. Children:

1. Mary R., d. Sept. 23, 1838, aged 18 years.
2. Elmira E., d. Dec. 16, 1831, aged 4 years.

HUTCHINS, JOHN.—Son of James and Susanna Hutchins [114]; res. with his brother James on Daniel S. Seamans place; afterwards at Mason Emery place. His wife Hannah d. Nov. 28, 1861, aged 76 years. Children:

1. Mary Ann, b. and d. June 20, 1823.
2. Martha Ann, b. Feb. 20, 1826.
3. Mary C., b. Nov. 22, 1827; m. William Nelson; res. at Wil-mot Flat, where she d.

IDE, EDWARD.—Son of John and Abigail (White) Ide [116], b. 1785; m., Feb. 11, 1808, Betsey, dau. of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow [92], b. July 14, 1781. The Ides res. on the Anthony Philbrick place and in the David Smith house on the Hutchins road. Edward d. Aug. 20, 1849; Betsey d. Nov. 7, 1852. Children:

1. Salana, b. Newport, Nov. 17, 1811; m., Dec. 15, 1831, James Morgan, and res. in N. L.
2. Albert, went to Corinth, Me., and m.
3. John, m. Emily Phelps, a granddaughter of Asa Pingree; res. for a time on the Benjamin Bunker place. His mother lived with him, and one day as he was handling a gun it was discharged and shattered his mother's arm. The arm was amputated above the elbow by Dr. Robert Lane. John later removed to Maine.
4. Abigail, b. May, 1821; d. July 1, 1823.
5. Mary Ann, b. 1825; never m.; d. Jan. 20, 1845.

JEWETT, DAVID.—Second son of Jedediah and Mary Jewett [117], b. 1785; was a cooper, and res. on the Claude Goings place; d. Oct. 12, 1846.

JEWETT, JEDEDIAH, JR.—Older son of Jedediah and Mary Jewett [117], b. 1783; m., Jan. 7, 1806, Mary, dau. of Jacob Wheeler of Nelson. Jedediah res. on the homestead farm, deeded him by his father in 1819. When Jedediah the elder



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settled in N. L. he built his cabin on a ridge in the present Hurd pasture, about 25 rods east of the Stony Brook road, and later had a frame house at the corner of the road, which was remodelled by Jedediah, Jr. Jedediah, Jr., also built the Horace Hurd house. That part of the Jewett farm which lay in lot 120 came through Jacob Wheeler, father of Mary (Wheeler) Jewett. He d. Feb. 3, 1862; Mary d. June 27, 1863, aged 84 years. Children:

1. Mary, b. June 12, 1807; never m.; made her home with John Williams.
2. Jacob Wheeler, b. Aug. 8, 1808; d. March 10, 1815.
3. Charles, b. Nov. 20, 1809; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Dea. Gideon and Sally Wilkins of Sutton and N. L., and res. in N. L.
4. Lucy, b. March 3, 1811; m., March 28, 1843, John, son of John and Mehitable Page, b. Salem, Dec. 25, 1800, and res. in N. L.
5. Ednah Currier, b. Aug. 30, 1812; m., March 5, 1845, Reuben Wheeler of Brookline, and res. in Nashua.
6. George, b. April 11, 1814; never m.; d. Oct. 19, 1838.
7. Laura, b. Oct. 2, 1815; m., Nov. 21, 1844, Charles V. Butler of Pelham, and res. in Methuen, Mass.
8. James Monroe, b. Feb. 28, 1818; m., Sept. 1, 1851, Harriet N., dau. of John and Miriam (Sargent) Page, b. Nov. 16, 1824, and res. in N. L.
9. Martha, b. Dec. 30, 1819; never m.; d. May 28, 1849.
10. Abigail, b. June 12, 1821; d. Aug. 20, 1824.
11. William H., b. Aug. 8, 1824; d. Sept. 16, 1832.
12. Jacob Wheeler, b. Aug. 26, 1828; m. (1), April 23, 1857, Jane Irwin of New York, b. 1827, and res. in Springfield; m. (2) Sarah Stevens. Two boys by first wife, boy and girl by second.

KELLEY, JOSEPH.—Was first taxed in 1812; d. Oct. 13, 1814, aged 34 years. His wife, taxed as "Widow Eliza Kelley," continued to res. in N. L., and d. Feb. 2, 1830, aged 49 years.

KIMBALL, JOSEPH.—Joseph Kimball, b. Aug. 15, 1793, m., Oct. 29, 1815, Jane, dau. of John and Nancy Stinson [162], b. Nov. 2, 1793. He res. on the Ransom Sargent farm, and became quite prominent in town affairs. In 1836, Kimball sold his farm to Richard Everett, and went to Albany, N. Y. Daniel Seamans, then about 17 years old, drove the six-horse Concord coach which carried the family, and on his return

trip brought a load of flour, the first that ever came into town.
Children :

1. William E., b. Feb. 21, 1816; d. April 19, 1818.
2. Elizabeth J., b. Oct. 17, 1819.
3. Cyrus A., b. April 21, 1822.
4. Polly S., b. Jan. 29, 1824; d. Aug. 29, 1825.
5. John D., b. Dec. 17, 1826.

KING, JOHN.—The John King, b. Hampstead, 1764, who m. (1) Hannah, dau. of John Austin [72], and res. on King's hill, Sutton, m. (2) Ednah Woodward. Their oldest son, John, was b. Jan. 7, 1790; m., Nov. 1, 1812, Sally, dau. of Moses and Mary (Knowlton) Hills of Sutton, b. March 27, 1792; from 1815 to 1821 res. on the Mason Emery farm on the north-east shore of Lake Pleasant, and built the house now standing. Children: Moses H., Sarah, James, Pliny B., Lafayette, Lemuel W., Melissa, Drusilla, Marietta J., Almira E.

KNOWLTON, CAPT. NATHANIEL W.—Nathaniel Woodbury Knowlton was the oldest child of Ezekiel and Susan (Smith) Knowlton [118], b. Sept. 23, 1794; m., Dec. 2, 1818, Ruth, dau. of Jonathan and Betsey (Sargent) Herrick [109], b. April 8, 1791. Captain Knowlton was a native of N. L., and largely identified himself with her interests, but res. after 1825 on the northwesterly side of King's hill in Sutton. A year's residence in Ohio had made him content to dwell among the New Hampshire hills, and in the quarter-century that he res. in Sutton he became both prosperous and influential; was chairman of the board of selectmen, and captain of the militia for many years. He was a man of retiring disposition, firm in his opinions, and in his quiet way made his influence felt among his fellow-citizens. In 1851, Captain Knowlton removed to the farm in N. L. now owned by his son, Nathaniel C. He went to Washington in 1868, but returned to his son's a few months before his death, July 14, 1879; Ruth d. March 29, 1867. Children :

1. Nathaniel C., b. March 6, 1820; m., Oct. 20, 1850, Caroline R., dau. of Samuel and Sarah (Lear) Chadwick of Sutton, b. July 16, 1827, and res. in N. L.
 2. Caroline R., b. Dec. 9, 1821; m., Nov. 3, 1840, Elbridge Gerry Haynes, and res. in Springfield and Manchester.
- Children :



HON. MARTIN A. HAYNES.



- (1). Martin A., b. Springfield, July 30, 1842; enlisted in the Second New Hampshire before he was 19, and served until June, 1864, with a record of faithful and arduous duty. Founded the "Lake Village Times," and by special editorial work brought himself into public notice. Represented Gilford in the state legislature, was U. S. congressman for two terms, and in 1890 became connected with the internal revenue service. Colonel Haynes's marked ability as a writer and speaker have made him well known in political circles, and each campaign finds him in the front rank. He m., March 9, 1863, Cornelia T. Lane, and has three children, Ruth, Mary, and Addie.
- (2). Addie Melissa, b. April 29, 1846; m. Dr. Chauncey W. Clement, a dentist, and res. in Manchester.
- (3). Charles F., b. Nov. 26, 1851; d. Manchester, Dec. 30, 1887.
- (4). Cora May, b. Dec. 1, 1863; m. Herman Lielshire, of German descent, and res. at Manchester; is d.

KNOWLTON, SAMUEL SMITH.—Samuel was the second son of Ezekiel and Susan (Smith) Knowlton [118], b. Feb. 22, 1796. He m., Sept. 3, 1822, Martha, dau. of James Witherpoon of Newbury, b. February, 1796, and res. on the homestead. Samuel d. May 12, 1852. Children:

1. Andrew Jackson, b. Aug. 2, 1823; d. Aug. 8, 1825.
2. Betsey, b. Jan. 13, 1825; m. (1), John Cutler of Newbury, and had Obediah and Martha; m. (2) Curtis Messer of Newbury, and had Clara.
3. Samuel, b. March 28, 1827; m. Allory Winchester; went to Big Bend, Butte county, Cal., where he d. Sept. 23, 1888.
4. Ezekiel, b. Dec. 7, 1828; never m.; d. Nov. 7, 1851.
5. James, twin to Ezekiel; m., Jan. 9, 1855, Mary Frances, dau. of William H. Marshall of Sutton, where he res.; was interested in lumbering, and later was a carpenter. Seven children, of whom the oldest is Hon. Edgar J. Knowlton, ex-mayor and a prominent newspaper man of Manchester.
6. John, b. Feb. 23, 1831; was a farmer; m. Susan Harvey of Sutton, where he res., and d. 1864.
7. George, b. Dec. 28, 1832; was a music teacher; went to Illinois, and m.; then to Texas, where he d. March 19, 1894.
8. Mary, b. Sept. 27, 1834; d. May 19, 1837.
9. Martha, b. June 8, 1836; never m.; d. Jan. 18, 1860.

10. Nathaniel, b. March 28, 1838; m., March 15, 1864, Eliza, dau. of Warren W. and Celista (Murdough) Hill of Washington, b. March 5, 1837, and res. in N. L.
11. Mary, b. Aug. 7, 1841; never m.; d. May 22, 1867.

LANE, DR. ROBERT.—The town is proud to claim Dr. Robert Lane as a citizen for even a brief period in his long and useful career. Dr. Lane was a native of Newport, b. April 2, 1786, the fifth son of Jesse and Hester (Wright) Lane. He studied medicine with Dr. Truman Abell of Lempster, and had his office in Sutton, with an extensive practice in adjoining towns. About 1813 he removed to N. L., where he made his home until 1819, when he entered the army and as surgeon in charge was stationed at the military hospital at Mobile Point, Ala. In the summer of 1820 he resigned that position and settled permanently in Sutton. As a physician he ranked among the first of his contemporaries, his ripened habits of study and research keeping him in touch with the rapid advance of medical science in his later years. He continued in active practice until 1866. In the spring of 1872 a fall which crushed the bones of one hip laid him helpless, and he passed away May 3, 1872, honored and beloved by a large circle of acquaintances and friends. Dr. Lane m., January, 1807, Mary, dau. of Jeremiah and Mary (Buell) Kelsey of Newport, b. July 13, 1784, who d. June 10, 1812. Children:

1. Elizabeth, b. Nov. 14, 1807; m., Jan. 26, 1837, Dr. James R. Smiley, and res. in Grafton and Sutton. Children, b. Grafton:

- (1). Adelaide Lane, b. Oct. 10, 1837. Miss Smiley and her younger sisters were educated at Colby academy, and she herself was its honored lady principal for twenty years. Since 1890 Miss Smiley has been president of the Toronto Female college. She has received the degree of M. A. from McMaster university, Toronto.
- (2). Mary Elizabeth, b. Nov. 9, 1839; d. Sept. 9, 1856.
- (3). Frances Farley, b. July 8, 1841.
- (4). Susan Ela, b. Aug. 11, 1843; m., July 30, 1885, Charles L. Pulsifer of Lake Village, where she res., and d. April 4, 1890.
- (5). Pamela Tarbell, b. Jan. 19, 1846; m., Aug. 18, 1874, Rev. Benjamin O. True, and res. in Rochester, N. Y. Three children.



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- (6). Robert Lane, b. April 10, 1848; has been a journalist; since his father's death, Oct. 15, 1886, res. on the homestead at North Sutton.
2. Mary, b. Newport, June 13, 1809; d. Jan. 27, 1812.
3. Mary Adelaide, b. Aug. 15, 1811; m., May 5, 1837, George W. Ela of Concord, where she res., and d. 1843. Children:
 - (1). Robert Lane, b. April 17, 1838; raised and commanded a company in the Sixth New Hampshire, and was mustered out with his regiment July 17, 1865; was severely wounded at the Second Bull Run and at the Petersburg Mine Explosion. After his return from the army studied medicine and surgery, and about 1875 removed to California.
 - (2). Richard, b. Feb. 12, 1840; studied law in Concord and attended lectures at Harvard Law school. Soon after his admission to the Merrimack county bar, the war broke out, and he entered the service as first lieutenant of Company E, Third New Hampshire. He was soon promoted to a captaincy, and won the respect of all by his ability and faithfulness. In the desperate charge at Drury's Bluff, May 13, 1864, Captain Ela led his men to within twenty paces of the breastworks and fell, shot through the brain.

MESSER, HEZEKIAH.—Hezekiah was the fourth son of Nathaniel S. and Sarah (Clough) Messer [124], b. March 21, 1795; m., Sept. 19, 1820, Sophronia, dau. of Ezekiel and Sarah (Page) Sargent [139], b. Aug. 20, 1799. Hezekiah res. in N. L., Springfield, Danbury, removed to Maine, back to Danbury, and thence, in 1851, to N. L., where he res. on the Stephen D. Messer place. Hezekiah d. July 26, 1877; Sophronia d. Aug. 3, 1884. Children:

1. Harriet S., b. Dec. 10, 1820; never m.; d. July 28, 1871.
2. Darius, b. April 16, 1825; m. Dorothy Eastman, and res. in Danbury. Children: Plooma, George.
3. Henry, b. Sept. 19, 1828; m. (1) Mary E., dau. of Oliver Gordon of Danbury, and res. in Lowell, Mass.; m. (2) Maggie E. Grogan of Chicago, where he d. Feb. 6, 1882. Six children by first wife, one by second.
4. Stephen Dexter, b. Danbury, Jan. 29, 1831; machinist by trade; never m.; res. in N. L.

MESSER, ISAAC.—Isaac Messer, oldest son of Nathaniel S. and Sarah (Clough) Messer [124], was b. at Methuen, Mass., March 25, 1785; m., Jan. 16, 1806, Martha Stevens of Warner. He bought of Henry Achilles 30 acres of land in the

easterly corner of the four made by the old road from Otterville to Herrick's cove (now abandoned) and the present highway from Frank P. Messer's to Augustus Preston's, and res. in a small house near the corner. The young farmer prospered, and gradually extended his holdings until he owned at least 200 acres, stretching away in a northerly direction to Oak hill in Springfield. About 1830, Isaac built the one-story cottage which has since been enlarged and improved by his son Nathaniel. An account-book that Isaac kept about this time shows him to have done considerable business in the way of "barter." He sold calf and sheep skins to Ruel Durkee of Croydon, dressed flax for Gilman Sargent, traded apples, plank, and garden-sauce with Daniel Sargent for blacksmith jobbing, and hired the William Sargent who res. near the Manahan place for carpenter work on his new house. Isaac d. Oct. 11, 1861; Martha d. July 10, 1853, in the Charles Woodward house, which was then occupied by her dau. Martha (Mrs. Isaac C. Pattee). Children:

1. George Wendall, b. May 20, 1806; m. Nancy Capin of Sharon, Mass., and moved to Dedham, Mass.; res. later in Springfield, and d. in Andover. Children:

- (1). George, b. Norwood; m. Julia Winship of South Dedham, Mass.
- (2). Olive M., b. N. L.; m. Richard S., son of Eben and Abigail (Rowe) Morgan, of Springfield; res. in N. L.
- (3). Eliza A., b. Springfield; d. young.
- (4). Elijah C., twin to Eliza; m. Hannah Ellsworth; res. Grand Rapids, Mich.
- (5). Narcissa B., m. J. H. Goodell; res. Oakland, Cal.
- (6). Hannah, never m.; res. Andover.
- (7). Richard B., m. Lydia Sargent of Roxbury, where they res.
- (8). Mary A., m. B. M. Gordon; res. Lempster.
- (9). Henry W., m. Angie Clark of Calais, Me.; res. Somerville, Mass.

- (10). Minnie W., m. William M. Smith; res. Florence, Mass.
2. Richard Heath, b. Oct. 25, 1807; m., Nov. 19, 1829, Sally Spalding, b. March 6, 1806; res. in N. L.
3. Mary, b. June 15, 1809; m., Sept. 5, 1827, Jonathan Chase of Springfield, and moved to Michigan. Mary afterwards returned to N. L., where she d. Nov. 30, 1836. She had three children, of whom Hulda Caroline d. in N. L.

4. Isaac, b. Oct. 25, 1811; went to Carleton, Mich., where he m., and d. Aug. 5, 1882. Two sons, Richard and Chester, are large owners in the Hastings (Mich.) Wool Boot company.
5. Sarah, b. May 1, 1815; m., April 10, 1837, Benjamin W., son of Seth and Mary (Morrill) Gay, b. Sept. 1, 1810; res. in N. L.
6. Martha, b. May 19, 1819; m., Sept. 26, 1843, Isaac C. Pattee, b. Methuen, Mass., March 10, 1815, and res. in N. L.
7. Joseph Colby, b. July 17, 1820; m., Nov. 22, 1851, Maria, dau. of Isaac and Sally (Richardson) Bunker, b. July 1, 1830; res. at N. L.
8. An infant, b. May 16, 1824; lived only a day.
9. Nathaniel, b. Sept. 4, 1829; m. Eunice Maria, dau. of Eli Davis of Sunapee; res. in N. L.

MESSER, JACOB.—This Jacob was the youngest son of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer [125]. He m., Sept. 23, 1802, Catharine, dau. of David and Catharine (Shepard) Smith [161], b. Dedham, Mass., March 15, 1783. He res. in the Burpee hill district for a few years, and had one child. Didama, b. June 15, 1803.

MESSER, NATHANIEL.—Nathaniel was the third son of Nathaniel S. and Sarah (Clough) Messer [124]. b. Oct. 22, 1789; m., Dec. 19, 1818, Rebekah, dau. of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent [137], b. June 10, 1795. He res. on the homestead at Burpee hill until his death, Jan. 20, 1828. Rebekah m. (2), Oct. 28, 1830, Jonathan R. Addison of Springfield and N. L. Nathaniel Messer's children were,—

1. Lydia Richardson, b. Oct. 23, 1819; m., Nov. 18, 1841, Charles, son of Ephraim and Eliza (Dexter) Crockett, b. Danbury, Feb. 18, 1817; res. in N. L.
2. Plooma Sargent, b. Nov. 19, 1823; never m.; d. March 17, 1849.
3. Duranzel Clough, b. April 19, 1825; d. Wisconsin, Oct. 16, 1847.

MESSER, SAMUEL.—The Samuel Messer who served in the War of 1812 was the elder of the twin sons of Zaccheus and Hannah (Hutchins) Messer [127], b. Nov. 10, 1794; m. Thirza, dau. of Joseph and Sarah Battles, b. Oct. 30, 1801. Zaccheus gave to his twin sons a parcel of land which he owned in lot No. 111 on Morgan hill, and they built a house,

which they occupied jointly, on a point of land jutting out of the side of the hill back of the Henry W. Putney house. Here Samuel res. until 1856, when he removed to the house then standing on the site of Maj. W. A. Messer's "Red Gables." About 1839, Samuel and his sons built a saw-mill on Big brook, in the "gulf" between Morgan and Bunker hills, where all kinds of timber were sawed into boards and dimension stuff. The hard-wood lumber used in the construction of the old state prison at Concord came from Samuel Messer's farm and was sawed at this mill. A great deal of the rock maple lumber which was made into furniture at the prison also came from here. The mill was in use about fifteen years, then gradually fell into ruins, and is remembered in local parlance as having "gone up to-day and down to-morrow." Samuel d. Jan. 19, 1871; Thirza d. in Sunapee. Children:

1. Joseph H., b. Dec. 19, 1823; m., June 8, 1852, Celista, dau. of Stephen and Miriam Whittier, b. Dec. 29, 1825; res. in N. L.
2. Eliza Ann, b. Feb. 25, 1825; m., Sept. 21, 1854, Stephen, son of Stephen and Vienna (Goodenow) Dean of Springfield, b. Dec. 5, 1833; res. in N. L.
3. Sarah M., b. Feb. 1, 1827; d. June 12, 1830.
4. Samuel A., b. Jan. 14, 1829; d. March 8, 1829.
5. Zaccheus H., b. Jan. 18, 1830; d. June 6, 1830.
6. Samuel D., b. June 5, 1831; d. Nov. 12, 1853.
7. Martha M., b. Sept. 27, 1833; d. Aug. 20, 1834.
8. George A., b. Jan. 27, 1838; m. Melissa Dickey; res. with his father for a time, moved to Sunapee, returned to N. L., then went to Andover, where he has since made his home. They had one child, Alston Grant, who res. in Duluth, Minn. George A. m. (2) Mary Kempton.
9. William A., b. Dec. 28, 1841; m., Aug. 20, 1862, Mary H., dau. of Levi R. and Catherine (Fellows) Nichols, b. April 18, 1844; res. in N. L.
10. Sarah M. P., b. June 27, 1847; m., about 1872, Oren Severance; res. at Sunapee, N. L., Wilmot, and Newton Junction, where she d. February, 1887, leaving two children, Myron and Bertie.

MESSER, TIMOTHY.—Oldest son of James How and Elizabeth (Shepard) Messer [122], b. April 28, 1790; m. (1), in 1816, Phebe, dau. of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow [92], b. June 6, 1791. Timothy res. on Messer hill, where the Cum-

mings cottage now stands, until after Phebe's death, Dec. 16, 1837, when he went to Thetford, Vt. There he m. (2) Mrs. Heath, and passed his later years in Springfield, where he d. Aug. 2, 1853. Children:

1. Stephen, b. April 25, 1818; m. Mary Ann, dau. of Richard and Esther (Chase) Palmer of Warner; res. in N. L.
2. Mary Ann, b. July, 1820; d. Sept. 18, 1822.
3. William, b. Aug. 23, 1823; m., April 15, 1852, Sophronia, dau. of Seth Fisher of Springfield; res. in N. L.
4. Benjamin, b. Oct. 12, 1827; m., Nov. 1, 1854, Celinda T. Wallis, b. New Hampton, March 15, 1829; res. in N. L.
5. Amanda E., b. June 12, 1829; m. (1), March 4, 1847, Galen Hayward of Grantham, who d. Andover, May 21, 1887; Amanda m. (2), Feb. 12, 1895, Reuben Batchelder of Orange; res. in Hudson, where she d. Oct. 21, 1895.

MESSER, WILLIAM.—William was the younger of the twin sons b. to Zaccheus and Hannah (Hutchins) Messer [127], Nov. 10, 1794. He and his brother Samuel owned in common the farm on Morgan hill, but after a while he sold out to Samuel and removed to the Pillsbury farm near Little Sunapee, not far from where his father afterwards lived. Later he res. in the General Clough house, and in the "old red house" at the southerly end of the cemetery; at the latter place his father also made his home. William m., March 1, 1820, Mary, dau. of Jesse and Dolly (Crocker) Blake [218], who d. Dec. 24, 1844, aged 50 years. In 1846 he removed with his children to Haverhill, Mass., where he d. Aug. 1, 1860. Children:

1. Susan J., d. June 13, 1826, aged 4 yrs. 9 mos. } From
2. Susan J., d. Dec. 18, 1832, aged 2 yrs. 2 mos. } grave-stones.
3. Dolly Crocker, m. Edwin Bowley, grocer, of Haverhill, Mass., where they res. Mrs. Bowley d. 1891. Children:
 - (1). Mary, m. George A. Hall of Haverhill; d. about 1888, leaving one child, Edwin B. *She born Sept. 17, 1846*
 - (2). Henry, d. young.
 - (3). Sarah, m. Frank Russ, shoe manufacturer, of Haverhill. No children.
 - (4). William, real estate broker; res. Haverhill; m. twice, and has one child, Dolly C.
4. Jacob B., m. Fannie Marsh of Exeter; res. at Haverhill till 1854, since then at Port Huron (Mich.), Haverhill, and

Farmington ; now at Lawrence, Mass., with his dau. Children, besides two who d. young :

- (1). Fannie, m. Mr. Fuller ; res. at Lawrence. No children.
 - (2). Carlos W., removed to the Provinces, where he m. ; now res. at Haverhill. Two sons.
 - (3). Alonzo, m. Miss Currier ; res. at Haverhill. No children living.
5. Daniel March, went West, and on his return m. Julia (Roberts) Whittier ; d. about 1872. His widow res. with their dau., Annie, who m. Mr. Hughes of Newburyport, Mass., and has one child.
 6. Carlos P. Messer was only eleven years old when his father removed from N. L., but he has never forgotten his boyhood's home or the friends who ministered to his mother in her last illness ; and in his frequent visits to his birthplace he is made welcome by those who remember him as a boy and are proud of the record of his manhood. For nearly a half century his home has been in Haverhill, through in 1896 he was living temporarily in Boston. As a boy he worked in the store of his brother-in-law, Edwin Bowley, and has been engaged in mercantile business ever since, except the period of his war service. As a young man he was greatly interested in military affairs, and at the breaking out of the Civil War was captain of a Haverhill company in the Seventh Massachusetts militia, which was called to the defence of Washington by President Lincoln in 1861, Captain Messer being detailed to accompany the Fifth Massachusetts, under Colonel Lawrence, and serving three months. In 1862 the governor reorganized the state militia on a war footing, and Captain Messer, having raised a nine-months regiment, was commissioned as colonel, serving a year in the Department of the Gulf, until the siege of Port Hudson was ended, when, broken in health, he was compelled to resign. Colonel Messer is prominent in Masonic circles, having become a member of Merrimack lodge, Haverhill, in 1862, and as a Knight Templar has been Eminent Commander of the Haverhill commandery. He m., Feb. 28, 1870, Ella, dau. of Hazen and Huldah (Howe) Bodwell of Methuen and Lawrence, Mass. (Hazen Bodwell was a descendant of the Bodwell who was among the pioneer settlers of Haverhill, Mass., as it was originally constituted, and a brother of ex-Gov. Joseph R. Bodwell of Maine.) Colonel Messer has one child, Ralph, b. 1873, who res. in Boston, and is connected with Adams, Chapman & Co., North Market street.

MINOT, JAMES.—Capt. Jonas Minot of Concord, Mass., one of the original proprietors of Alexandria Addition and the largest land-holder, had a son James, to whom he gave a portion of the land which he owned in the west part of N. L. This was a part of the property now known as "Willow Farm" and owned by Mrs. Jane Tracy of Cleveland, O. James Minot came to N. L. in 1801, and though a young man is credited with considerable influence. In 1808 he removed to South Sutton, having purchased the Benjamin Evans store. In the War of 1812 he served as lieutenant with Capt. Thomas Currier, and after the war was over removed from Sutton. The marriage intentions of James Minot and Sally Wilson were published by Josiah Brown, Esq., in 1803. Besides the two children b. in N. L., there was another son, who became Judge Josiah Minot of Concord. Children:

1. Almira, b. Nov. 23, 1804.
2. George, b. Aug. 9, 1806.

MORGAN, HENRY.—Henry was the grandson of Capt. John Morgan [129], with whom he lived until his marriage. He m., about 1801, Dolly, dau. of Levi and Betsey (Randlett) Harvey [107], b. October, 1781; res. at the Hominy Pot, in what was later known as the Charles Morgan house. While at work at the lower end of the present Dixon pasture he was crushed by a rolling log, and d. April 3, 1820, aged 45 years. The place of the accident is marked by a large boulder bearing his initials. Dolly Morgan d. Jan. 24, 1865. Children:

1. Jacob, b. Nov. 26, 1801; m., Dec. 23, 1824, Lydia, dau. of David and Polly (Ambrose) Davis of Sutton, b. Dec. 3, 1804. Nine children.
2. Joseph H., b. Nov. 8, 1803; m., Nov. 30, 1841, Mrs. Clarissa Bean, and res. in N. L. and North Sutton.
3. Betsey, b. June 21, 1806; m., April 2, 1829, David Seavey of Andover, and res. there.
4. Dolly, b. Feb. 11, 1808; moved out of town, and m.
5. Charles, b. March 22, 1810; was a shoemaker; m. "down country," and returned to N. L.; res. in the house formerly occupied by his father for a time, then went West.
6. Matthew H., b. Nov. 6, 1811; d. Feb. 18, 1813.
7. Marcus, b. May 25, 1815; went West and m.
8. Jonathan F., b. April 3, 1818; was a shoemaker.

MORGAN, JOHN, 3D.—Oldest son of John and Lydia (Lee) Morgan [130], b. Feb. 14, 1780; m., June 7, 1804, Phebe, dau. of Lieut. Samuel and Sarah (How) Messer [125], and res. on Morgan hill, having purchased half of the John Dole farm and added it to a strip which he already owned. The neighborhood school was kept in the house which he built for several years, 22 cents per year being allowed as rental. About 1830 he built a new house on the Dole purchase, into which he moved, and divided the farm between his sons, James receiving the part where the old house stood. John d. Jan. 10, 1861; Phebe d. Dec. 27, 1866. Children:

1. Betsey, m., Nov. 24, 1825, Enoch, son of Nathaniel S. and Sarah (Clough) Messer, b. Sept. 5, 1797; res. in N. L.
2. James, b. Aug. 31, 1806; m., Dec. 15, 1831, Salana, dau. of Edward and Betsey (Dow) Ide, b. Newport, Nov. 17, 1811; res. in N. L.
3. Micajah, b. Jan. 23, 1809; m., Feb. 8, 1837, Maria W., dau. of Jeremiah and Betsey (Blake) Burpee, b. Sept. 25, 1809; res. in N. L.

MORGAN, SAMUEL.—Samuel was the fourth son of John and Lydia (Lee) Morgan [130], b. Dec. 2, 1786. His farm was in lot 87, fifth range, and he built the house in which he lived until his removal to King's hill, about 1826; the house was afterwards taken down. Samuel later lived at Sutton Mill village, and d. there. His wife was Mehitable, dau. of Daniel and Mary Robinson. Children:

1. Bradley, b. April 14, 1816; never m.; deceased.
2. Elmira, b. July 24, 1817; m. Edward Waldron, and had
 - (1). Joseph E., m. Annie Simons. Children: Belle, Everett, Ethel.
 - (2). Annie M., m. Ezra Hines. Children: Edward, Ezra, Mary.
3. Thomas Robinson, b. Sept. 26, 1818; worked for John Brown; never m.; d. at John Dow's, Sept. 18, 1846.
4. Francis, b. May 10, 1821; d. Nov. 21, 1824.
5. Adaline, b. Sept. 10, 1823; d. Aug. 23, 1825.
6. Solomon L., b. Aug. 26, 1826; m. Idell Smith, and had son, Clifton; res. in Sutton, then went South.
7. Delia, m., Dec. 8, 1843, Hiram Bean; res. Sutton.
8. Nancy, m. Edward Story; res. in Massachusetts. Child: Addie.

9. Lydia, m. (1) Augustine Pelton, and had Clara, Charles; m. (2) Mr. Fisher; res. Sutton.
10. John, m. Adelaide Holland; res. in Massachusetts. Children: Annie, Amelia, John.
11. Charles, m. (1) Caroline Harvey, and had Emma, who m. William H. Chadwick, Ruth E., who d. young. Charles m. (2) Emily Maxfield, and had Charles, Jr., who m. Sarah E. Tompkins, James M., Edward W.; res. in Massachusetts..
12. Henry, m. Love Kinney, and had Etta, William; res. in Massachusetts.
13. William L., b. April 1, 1836; m., Dec. 18, 1860, Lydia Florence, dau. of Ephraim and Mehitabel (Flint) Bean of Sutton, b. Jan. 10, 1846; res. in Sutton. Children:
 - (1). Almira W., b. Sept. 16, 1863; m., Feb. 1, 1888, Frank A. Woodward; res. Sutton.
 - (2). Charles F., b. Nov. 10, 1865; m., March 14, 1888, Josephine M. Bartlett of Claremont.
 - (3). George H., b. Jan 3, 1874; d. Jan. 5, 1874.
 - (4). Edith B., b. Sept. 13, 1876.

MORGAN, WILLIAM.—The will of John Morgan, Jr., gave to each of his nine children ten dollars and an equal share of his wearing apparel; everything else, including his brass kettle, largest iron pot, looms, and "all my apparatus for weaving," went to his son William. William was the seventh son of John and Lydia (Lee) Morgan [130], b. April 15, 1796. After the death of Capt. John Morgan, William lived in the house which his grandfather had built on the site of the present Belden Morgan house, which, with its adjacent buildings, was constructed by William and his son Belden. William m., Oct. 25, 1821, Mary Stevens of Newbury, b. April 17, 1797. Children:

1. Thomas, b. July 11, 1822; m. Celinda Nelson of Manchester, where he res.; is deceased. Three children.
2. Belden, b. Oct. 8, 1824; m., April 3, 1855, Susan A., dau. of John and Achsa (Charles) Merrill of Lovell, Me., b. Dec. 21, 1825; res. in N. L.
3. Abigail S., b. April 16, 1826; m., Oct. 23, 1848, Capt. John P. Knowlton of Sunapee, a son of Samuel and Betsey (Pike) Knowlton [119]; res. Sunapee.
4. Marietta, b. Feb. 14, 1828; d. May 30, 1832.
5. Alonzo, b. June 12, 1830; d. June 7, 1832.

6. Marshall, b. Jan. 17, 1832; never m.; d. Manchester, 1859.
7. William Frank, b. Nov. 24, 1833; never m.; res. at Sunapee, where he d.
8. Simeon S., b. Feb. 20, 1836; m. Evaline, dau. of Reuben Call; res. on the homestead, then removed to Illinois, and later to California. Children:
 - (1). Bion, b. N. L.; farmer; m. and res. in Buckley, Ill.
 - (2). Abby, b. Illinois; unmarried.
 - (3). Frank, never m.; d. in early manhood.
 - (4). Aurelia, b. Illinois; unmarried.

MUZZEY, PERLEY.—Came to N. L. in 1814; was the pioneer settler on the Henry W. Longley farm, where he res. until 1830. Perley Muzzey and his wife Sally had,—

1. David, b. April 22, 1814.
2. Jane W., b. July 28, 1817.
3. Mary Ann Morrill, b. May 17, 1820.
4. Robert Moore Wallace, b. July 25, 1822.
5. Abigail, b. July 16, 1825.

PAGE, AMOS.—Amos, older son of John and Mehitable Page, mentioned below, exercised the right of citizenship in his adopted town for a full half-century. He is remembered as a man of extraordinary determination, who often carried his point by sheer persistency. His first purchase of land was 31 acres of the present "Willow Farm," which he with Matthew Sargent bought of James Minot in 1813. In 1820 he acquired that part of the farm where the buildings are located. Soon after this, a large barn belonging to him was burned, in revenge for some fancied injury, it was supposed, but nothing was proved when the case came to trial. He gradually increased his holdings, until, when he sold his farm to the town, May 18, 1859, the property conveyed contained "300 acres, more or less." In the later years of his residence in the West Part he was a strong advocate for the building of the "bog road," and finally accomplished his purpose, though not till after his removal to the Israel Hunting place in the Low Plain district, where he d. March 29, 1863. He m., Dec. 1, 1814, Hannah, dau. of Peter and Elizabeth (Sargent) Sargent [144], b. Sept. 2, 1795. For some years before the institution of the postoffice Amos was the regular mail carrier between Hillsborough and Springfield. Several of the children b. to Amos and Hannah Page d. in infancy. Those who grew to maturity were,—

1. Maria H., m., Sept. 12, 1849, Capt. John Nichols; res. West Springfield; is deceased, leaving children.
2. Brooks, m., and res. in Manchester.
3. Abby, m., Oct. 26, 1854, Samuel Brooks; res. Manchester.
4. Mehitable, m., Jan. 1, 1856, Samuel Annis of Londonderry.
5. Juliette, m. Dea. Benjamin Woff of Londonderry.
6. Marvin, m. and went West.
7. Mary, m. Daniel Annis of Londonderry; res. in N. L.

PAGE, JOHN.—John Page came from Dunbarton in 1810, and located on part of "Willow Farm." He erected the house now standing, the original dwelling having been burned. John d. Jan. 5, 1825, aged 64 years: his wife, Mehitable, d. May 21, 1832, aged 74 years. Children, all b. in Salem:

1. Martha, b. March 10, 1786.
2. Susan, b. March 11, 1789.
3. Amos, b. Feb. 1, 1792; m., Dec. 1, 1814, Hannah, dau. of Peter and Elizabeth (Sargent) Sargent, b. Sept. 2, 1795; res. in N. L.
4. Joanna, b. Aug. 20, 1794; d. Oct. 14, 1798.
5. Mehitable, b. Feb. 14, 1798; m., Sept. 19, 1839, Manning, son of Elder Job and Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans (his second wife); res. in N. L.
6. John, b. Dec. 25, 1800; m., Dec. 16, 1823, Miriam, dau. of Anthony and Miriam Sargent, b. June 26, 1800; res. in N. L.

PIKE, JOHN.—Capt. John Pike was the oldest child of Lieut. Thomas and Phebe (Brocklebank) Pike [133]. He was connected with the state militia, and was a prosperous and influential citizen. Captain Pike res. on the homestead at Pike's landing, having m., about 1814, Eunice, dau. of Ruel and Polly (Hurd) Keith of Newport, b. Dec. 9, 1791. John d. June 27, 1858, aged 78 years; Eunice d. July 22, 1870. Children:

1. James Miller, b. Oct. 3, 1815; m. Sarah Colby of Warner, and res. in N. L.
2. Delia W., b. Sept. 22, 1817; m. Joseph Bean of Sutton; res. in Wilmot; is deceased.
3. Hepzibah S., b. Aug. 16, 1819; m., Aug. 14, 1844, Benjamin W. Peaslee of Sutton; res. in Sutton and Wilmot.
4. John Keith, b. July 27, 1821; m. Lucy Wilson of Cohasset, Mass.; res. in Boston; is deceased.

5. Eunice Cummings, b. Oct. 14, 1823; m. Benjamin R. Morse of Newbury; is deceased.
6. Zibah Huntington, b. April 15, 1826; never m.; res. in Newport.
7. Samuel Keith, b. Sept. 20, 1828; m. Hannah Leach of Sutton; res. in Goshen.
8. Harriet Ellis, b. March 7, 1831; m. Wilson S. George of Sunapee; res. in Newport.
9. Mary Hurd, b. Sept. 4, 1833; m. Claude Goings; res. in N. L.
10. Nancy McKay, b. March 17, 1836; m. Austin Goings; res. in N. L.

PILLSBURY, JAMES H.—James H. Pillsbury came to N. L. when 20 years of age, and worked for Joseph Colby until his marriage, when he began farming on the place now occupied by Charles F. Putney on Morgan hill. About 1820 he purchased the Enoch Davis place, near by, and res. there fifteen years. He res. for a short time on the Elder Seamans place, then purchased of Asa Ray the house now occupied by his son Burpee. He also lived in the Job Cross house, and kept "tavern," succeeding King & Sargent. James was the son of Joseph Pillsbury, who lived near George's Mills in Wendall, and was b. in 1792. He had several brothers and sisters, and his brother Cushing m. Phila, dau. of Zaccheus Messer. James m., Dec. 24, 1816, Delia, dau. of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee [77], b. May 11, 1792. James d. March 29, 1848; Delia d. Aug. 9, 1878. Children:

1. Asa Burpee, b. April 28, 1818; m., Nov. 1, 1846, Sarah, dau. of David and Ruth (Wells) Woodward, b. June 9, 1817; res. in N. L.
2. Martha J., b. March, 1821; m. (1), March 5, 1846, Elhanan Harriman (brother of ex-Gov. Walter Harriman) of Warner. Four years after marriage Elhanan d., and Martha m. (2), Augustine, his brother; now res. at Warner. No children.
3. Alonzo, b. October, 1823; d. Aug. 22, 1825.
4. Lorenzo, b. 1828; d. 1830.
5. William, b. Jan. 25, 1832; never m.; res. at home; d. Feb. 19, 1854.

PINGREE, ASA.—Asa, second son of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Kimball) Pingree [133], was b. at Cape Ann, Mass., Aug. 17, 1787, and was five years old when the family removed to

N. L. He m., Dec. 17, 1812, Rebekah Fisk (probably of Hopkinton), a niece of Mrs. Mehitable Knowlton, and res. on the present Walter Pingree farm. About 1850 Asa built a cottage for his farm hands on the spot where the Mrs. Harvey house now stands, and for the few months that he survived his wife lived there with his dau. Abigail. After his death, Stephen Dean carried on the farm for a time, and built the Mrs. Harvey house. Asa d. Aug. 5, 1864; Rebekah d. April 14, 1864, aged 75 years. Children:

1. Ezekiel Knowlton, b. May 24, 1814; d. Oct. 2, 1816.
2. Mehitable Fisk, b. Sept. 13, 1816; d. Aug. 15, 1818.
3. Abigail, b. Dec. 10, 1818; m. (1), Feb. 3, 1848, Peter Bragg of Grafton, who d. Nov. 21, 1848, aged 22 years. Abigail m. (2), Dearborn, son of Jonathan and Hannah (Cram) Harvey; res. in N. L.
4. Ebenezer Kimball, b. Sept. 29, 1821; never m.; res. on homestead; d. March 1, 1857.
5. Phebe, b. Sept. 30, 1824; m., January, 1840, James Phelps; res. in N. L. and Wilmot. Phebe d. Dec. 15, 1848, leaving Emily, b. Dec. 29, 1840, and Lavinia, b. October, 1843.

PINGREE, JEREMIAH, JR.—Jeremiah was the oldest child of Jeremiah and Elizabeth (Kimball) Pingree [133], b. Ipswich, Mass., Dec. 19, 1784. He m., Dec. 13, 1813, his cousin Sally, dau. of John and Molly (Pingree) Dole [91], b. April 7, 1789. In the fall of 1813 Jeremiah and his brother Asa purchased of Joseph Colby the old house on the Ausbon French place, and moved it to the site of the Walter Pingree house, of which it forms the two front rooms. Both brothers lived there for a few years, then Jeremiah removed to the John Dole house on Morgan hill. A dame-school was kept in one of the rooms. One night the mantel over the fireplace caught fire, and the house burned to the ground. This was in 1821, when Charles C. Pingree was only a few months old. Jeremiah then built the present Charles Pingree house, where his children and grandchildren lived after him. He was a member of the cavalry company in the early militia. Jeremiah d. Aug. 28, 1851; Sally d. June 28, 1881. Children:

1. Nathan Dole, b. Jan. 16, 1816; m., July 28, 1852, Mary E., dau. of Stephen and Mary (Woodward) Sargent, b. Sept. 5, 1820; res. in N. L.

2. Roxalana, b. Aug. 15, 1817; m., Feb. 6, 1849, Jacob, son of Joseph and Rebekah (Runnels) Messer (his second wife); res. in N. L.
3. Charles C., b. Jan. 7, 1821; m., Sept. 18, 1860, Isabel, dau. of Sylvanus and Emmeline (Crockett) Sargent, b. Oct. 27, 1831; res. in N. L.
4. Ransom C., b. Feb. 15, 1826; m., Dec. 19, 1855, Martha Bearce of Oldtown, Me.; res. Lewiston, Me. The firm of R. C. Pingree & Co., wholesale and retail lumber dealers, do a general lumber, door, sash, and blind business; also manufacture mouldings, stairs, builders' supplies, wood mantels, and every kind of finish and cabinet work. In 1896 they built a new shop, engine and boiler house, and dry house, giving them one of the most complete and thoroughly equipped plants in New England. The value of the yearly product is \$100,000, and there are 75 employees. Children of Ransom C. and Martha (Bearce) Pingree:
 - (1). Samuel Russell Bearce, b. Nov. 2, 1856; m. Sarah Jones of Georgetown, Mass. They have,—Elizabeth Nelson, Harold Bearce, Helen Spofford, Mellen Howard, Arthur Edward. Samuel is a member of R. C. Pingree & Co.
 - (2). William Henry Lowell, b. Nov. 26, 1858; m., and had Martha L., Clara, Thomas Coe, Margaret, Mary. William d. Jan. 1, 1891.
 - (3). Mellen A., b. March 9, 1861; m. Jennie L. Davis of Parsonsfield, Me., and has Ransom C., 2d, b. August, 1884, Ann Davis, b. August, 1888, Marion Dole, b. August, 1892. Mellen is a lawyer; res. in Haverhill, Mass.
 - (4). Ransom C., b. April 1, 1864; d. Aug. 8, 1865.
 - (5). Charles D., b. Feb. 13, 1872; d. April 25, 1877.
5. Mary C., b. Aug. 28, 1828; never m.; res. at the old home-
stead with her brother, Charles C.; d. April 17, 1894.

PINNEY, DR. CHARLES.—Dr. Pinney of Hopkinton began practice in N. L. about 1810. He m., May 12, 1818, Betsey, dau. of Edmund and Lydia (Morgan) Davis. After his marriage he removed to Hopkinton, returning here some twenty years later, when he res. on Summer street. Betsey (Davis) Pinney d. Sept. 8, 1839, aged 40 years. A dau., Mary Ann, m. Simon Kezar of Sutton, where they res.

PUTNEY, JOSEPH.—Joseph Putney, who came to N. L. from Warner about 1809, was a son of that Asa Putney who moved from Hopkinton to Warner when a young man, and cleared a



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farm on the southerly slope of the Mink hills, next to Henniker, whither his family went to "trade." Asa was faithful to the patriot cause in the dark days of the Revolution, and was badly wounded at Bunker Hill, for which he was granted a pension. He m. Miss Eastman (probably of Hopkinton), and had at least eight children. Asa was a powerful, vigorous man, physically and mentally, and was more than 80 years old when he passed away.

Joseph was the second son of Asa, b. Warner, 1785; m., July 22, 1810, Anna, dau. of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent [137], b. Oct. 31, 1793. His first purchase was the present Keziah Sargent farm, where his father-in-law had lived, and which then extended southeasterly to the Pleasant street highway. He carried on a tannery near the corner for six years, until he removed to Plainfield. About 1821 he returned to N. L., and bought of Joseph Colby the farm at the foot of Morgan hill now owned by George M. Putney, and built a tannery just opposite the mouth of the road leading to Henry W. Putney's. Here he lived and worked until his death, March 5, 1836; Anna d. June 22, 1863. Children:

1. Emeline, b. N. L., July 15, 1811; d. Aug. 28, 1814.
2. Mary M., b. Oct. 9, 1813; m., Sept. 27, 1832, Jacob, son of Joseph and Rebekah (Runnels) Messer; res. in N. L.
3. Emeline Maria, b. Plainfield, Dec. 25, 1816; res. with her aunt Tamsen (Mrs. Joseph Burnap) at Warner, and d. there, at the age of 23 years.
4. Susan, b. Plainfield, March 9, 1819; m., March, 1840, her cousin, John P. Danforth, son of William Danforth of Boscawen; res. Hopkinton, where she d. in 1842.
5. Ebenezer, b. N. L., Aug. 20, 1822; m., 1851, Ruth, dau. of Dea. Josiah Nichols of King's hill, Sutton; res. in N. L.
6. Henry W., b. Nov. 9, 1824; m., March 5, 1850, Lucy P., dau. of Adam and Polly (Flint) Davis, b. Aug. 2, 1824; res. in N. L.
7. Laura Ann, b. about 1830; m. Jacob Messer (his third wife); res. in N. L.
8. Joseph Eastman, b. about 1835; never m.; d. Sept. 15, 1858.

RAY, WILLIAM.—About 1809 William Ray moved from Henniker to N. L., and settled on the Moses Haskins place. He cleared the land, and built a log house. In 1826 he sold

his farm, and it was rented by Thomas Sewall. Mrs. Ruth (Harriman) Ray d. July 14, 1852, aged 76 years. Children :

1. Jacob, d. young.
2. Betsey, d. young.
3. Caleb, older of twins; m. Nov. 15, 1832, Sarah G. Sewall of Wilmot, and res. in N. L.
4. Moses, younger of twins; is deceased.
5. Levi, m. Louisa Collins of Springfield; res. in the Low Plain district a few years, then moved to Norwich, Vt.; of four children, Lester res. at Norwich, Lucy Ann at Manchester. Levi m. a second time, and res. in Grafton; is deceased.
6. Asa, b. Sept. 25, 1816; m., May 5, 1839, Mary Elzina, dau. of Stillman Wood, b. Oct. 22, 1820; res. in N. L.

ROBINSON, DANIEL.—Daniel Robinson was among the early residents of Sutton, and removed from that town to N. L. in 1807. He bought a part of the James Minot farm, and res. there until his death, about 1820. April 10, 1820, Amos Page bought of the Widow Robinson 50 acres of lot No. 87, she retaining a small house near the road, where she res. for many years. Children :

1. Sally, m. Rodney Hubbard, and res. in N. L.
2. Daniel, was a shoemaker; went to Acworth; m., and d. there.
3. Mehitable, m. Samuel, son of John and Lydia (Lee) Morgan, and res. in N. L.
4. Mary, m. Joseph Palmer of Sutton and had five children.
5. Susan, never m.; d. at the old place Aug. 30, 1840, aged 19 years.

ROWELL, AARON.—Rowell's hill, near Lake Sunapee, took its name from the Aaron Rowell who settled there in 1807, m. a dau. of Simeon Blood, and about 1815 removed to Springfield. He served in the War of 1812.

SABIN, JEDEDIAH P.—Jedediah P. Sabin, b. Aug. 28, 1790, came to N. L. from Lempster in 1816. He was a cloth-dresser by trade, and had his mill at the Hominy Pot, near the site previously used by Joseph Harvey for his hat shop. In 1823 Sabin was at Otterville, and for some years ran a carding-mill in company with John Page, Jr. Sabin made broad-cloth, and was the pioneer there in that business. The John W. Taylor dwelling-house belonged with the carding-mill.

In the palmy days of the settlement, the mill was much larger, with a wing running towards the house, and a big boarding-house stood where the L of the dwelling-house is. Jedediah m., Jan. 28, 1817, Betsey, dau. of Nathaniel and Lydia (Fields) Merrill of Acworth, b. April 28, 1791. Children:

1. Mary, b. June 25, 1818; m. Phineas Pettengill of Acworth.
2. Emmeline. b. May 13, 1820; d. July 19, 1836.
3. John, b. April 25, 1822; m. Caroline Way.

SARGENT, DANIEL.—Daniel, second son of Peter and Elizabeth (Sargent) Sargent [144], was b. Sept. 23, 1793. He was a blacksmith by trade, and as a young man worked in Charlestown, Mass. There he m. Deborah Foss, b. Aug. 18, 1794, and returned to N. L. Four children were born to them here, and about 1825 Daniel removed to Sutton Mills village. Here he res. for many years, an industrious, useful, and respected citizen. He m. for a second wife Sarah Burnap. His third wife was Mrs. Mary (Harvey) Hope. Daniel d. at the North village, April 18, 1876. Children, by Deborah Foss:

1. Peter, b. Oct. 7, 1819; d. Oct. 13, 1819.
2. Walter Foss, twin to Peter; d. Oct. 11, 1819.
3. Benjamin Perry, b. Dec. 5, 1820; m., April 16, 1846, Charity A., dau. of Dea. John and Hannah (Dodge) Felch of Sutton, b. Dec. 31, 1824. Benjamin was a blacksmith at the North village, and a deacon of the Freewill Baptist church. He d. March 8, 1874. Children:
 - (1). Mary Frances, m., July 26, 1874, Walter P., son of Perley and Mary (King) Sargent, and res. in Sutton and N. L.
 - (2). Benjamin, m., March 3, 1879, Mary Jane Gladman, and res. in Alexandria, South Dakota.
 - (3). Hattie D., m., Nov. 11, 1884, Charles A., son of Asa Nelson and Maroa (Harvey) Todd of N. L.; res. in N. L.
4. Lydia Cook, b. April 13, 1824; m., May 31, 1842, Jesse A., son of Jeremiah and Rachel (Eastman) Hazen of Sutton, b. Nov. 16, 1820. Children:
 - (1). John G., b. Dec. 28, 1844; m., May 12, 1872, Augusta M., dau. of Dennis H. and Betsey (Everett) Adams of N. L., b. May 21, 1856; res. in Sutton, and had,—(a) Herbert W., b. Feb. 4, 1873; (b) Minnie L., b. July 15, 1874; (c) Ernest H., b. Oct. 5, 1882; (d) Luvia E., b. June 9, 1886.

- (2). Daniel S., b. March 28, 1847; m., Oct. 30, 1866, Mary A. Russell. Children: (a) Ida M., b. Nov. 12, 1873; (b) Jesse H., b. Oct. 10, 1882.
- (3). Lydia F., b. April 2, 1851; d. Sept. 10, 1851.
- (4). Jesse F., twin to Lydia F.; m. Ardelle W. Chase.
5. Daniel F., b. May 23, 1825; went to Illinois; m. (1), Rebecca J. Foss; (2). Abra Denning. Seven children.
6. Lucy Deborah, b. March 10, 1830; m., March 8, 1857, Ezech Sischo of Goshen; is deceased. Mr. Sischo and his dau. Peninnah res. in N. L. at Hotel Sargent.
7. Jacob True, b. July 28, 1832; went to Illinois; m. Maria Braley. Five children.
8. Foss Wright, twin to Jacob True; went to Charlestown, Mass.; m. Elizabeth Trafton. Three children.

SARGENT, JOHN JOHNSON.—John J., second son of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent [141], was b. May 19, 1799. He m. Rachel, dau. of Ezekiel and Ednah (Wilkins) Davis of Sutton, b. Aug. 22, 1803. They were the last couple united by Elder Seamans. Mrs. Ezekiel Davis res. with her dau., and d. Feb. 23, 1854, aged 83 years. John was tax collector for a long period. Built the house now occupied by Mrs. Maria Bunker. No children. John d. Dec. 14, 1880.

SARGENT, MATTHEW H.—Matthew, oldest son of Dea. Peter and Elizabeth (Sargent) Sargent [144], was b. Aug. 14, 1790. He m. (1), Feb. 24, 1814, Mary P., dau. of Samuel and Sally (Peaslee) Andrews of Sutton, b. Oct. 12, 1792, who d. April 24, 1849. He m. (2), Nov. 13, 1849, Mrs. Thomas Davis of Sutton, b. Clara Parker, Jan. 12, 1796. Clara was a sister of Amos Parker and of Mrs. Joseph Wood of N. L. Matthew res. on the homestead. Children:

1. Elizabeth, b. Jan. 2, 1815; m., Nov. 28, 1833, Dustin, son of Dea. Gideon Wilkins, and res. in N. L.
2. Sally, b. Sept. 17, 1816; m. Mr. Kimball; went to Lowell, then to Wisconsin.
3. Matthew Harvey, b. Dec. 19, 1819; d. April 21, 1841.
4. Peter, b. Aug. 10, 1825; m. Judith Wheeler of Newport; res. in Lebanon; is deceased.
5. Mary, b. June 17, 1827; d. Sept. 10, 1827.
6. Samuel Andrews, b. July 31, 1831; is remembered as a scholar of unusual excellence; went West; is deceased.

SARGENT, STEPHEN.—The oldest son of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent [141] was Stephen, b. Sept. 20, 1796.



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Stephen m. (1), Oct. 12, 1819, Mary Eaton, dau. of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward [170], b. July 9, 1795. They res. on the present Lakeside farm. Mary (Woodward) Sargent d. May 21, 1828, and Stephen m. (2), Oct. 27, 1829, Ruth, dau. of Stephen and Lydia (Gage) Woodward of Sutton, b. Dec. 25, 1797. Stephen d. June 1, 1882; Ruth d. Aug. 8, 1864. Children:

1. Mary Eaton, b. Sept. 5, 1820; m., July 28, 1852, Nathan D., son of Jeremiah and Sally (Dole) Pingree, b. Jan. 16, 1816; res. in N. L.
2. John, b. Aug. 10, 1824; d. Oct. 10, 1825.
3. Martha Woodward, b. Dec. 14, 1827; d. July 30, 1831.
4. Hiram, b. Sept. 12, 1830; m., Oct. 24, 1858, Sara J., dau. of Stephen Whittier; res. in N. L.
5. Benjamin F., b. April 24, 1834; never m.; was one of the N. L. volunteers in Company F, Eleventh regiment; d. at Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 23, 1863.

SARGENT, WILLIAM.—The youngest son of Peter and Ruth (Nichols) Sargent [142] was William, b. Hopkinton, Feb. 11, 1778. William m., about 1808, Susanna, dau. of Caleb and Sally Segur [149]; res. in West Part, near the Frank Roberts place, and just above the old Hominy Pot schoolhouse. William d. Nov. 5, 1858; Susanna d. Sept. 11, 1849, aged 66 years. Children:

1. Gilman Perley, b. Oct. 26, 1808; m., Aug. 31, 1828, Cynthia S., dau. of Dea. Gideon Wilkins; res. in N. L.
2. Aurelia, b. Jan. 30, 1813; d. May 25, 1855.

SEAMANS, JOB, JR.—Job Seamans, Jr., son of Elder Job and Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans [145], b. Attleboro, Mass., Feb. 11, 1781, was but a lad when his father settled in N. L., and grew to manhood in the yet early days of the town, sharing in the toils and privations common to those times and developing into an honorable and industrious citizen. He held many public offices, and no clearer, finer handwriting appears on the town books than that inscribed during his long service as town clerk. He m. (1), Nov. 19, 1807, Olive, dau. of Benjamin and Zillah Woodbury [168], b. Salem, Jan. 12, 1783. Olive d. of consumption Nov. 29, 1824, and Job m. (2), Jan. 17, 1827, Nancy Pillsbury of Candia, b. May 26, 1793. Job res. at the homestead, and later on the Merrill Robie place,

where he d. July 10, 1855; Nancy d. at Manchester, April 4, 1870. The children of Job Seamans were,—

1. Charles, b. Nov. 23, 1808; d. June 16, 1817.
2. Lillis Young, b. Sept. 4, 1811; d. Oct. 27, 1836.
3. Sarah Easterbrooks, b. Nov. 1, 1813; d. Jan. 20, 1815.
4. Benjamin Woodbury, b. March 22, 1816; m., September, 1841, Harriet Jones of Ashby, Mass.; res. in N. L.
5. George Beverly, b. April 12, 1818; d. June 29, 1824.
6. Roxana Chase, b. Aug. 13, 1820; m., Nov. 1, 1838, Milton, son of Jonathan and Sarah (Pettengill) Gage, b. Jan. 6, 1815; res. in N. L.
7. Olive, b. Nov. 22, 1824; d. Jan. 26, 1825.
8. Nancy Bridget, b. Jan. 18, 1828; d. March 11, 1832.

SEAMANS, MANNING.—A special interest attaches to the career of Manning, the year-old son of Elder Job and Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans [145] who made the twelve-days journey from Attleboro, Mass., to N. L., and “was taken sick” the night the family arrived. He grew up a proverbial “minister’s son,” full of life and energy, and winning hosts of friends with his pleasant manners. Elder Seamans had a strong affection for his boy, and records as of special interest the trip to Hopkinton “to apprentice my son Manning to the blacksmithing trade.” Soon after Manning came of age he built the Mark B. Means house, and had a blacksmith shop on the opposite side of the road. When the new church was built in 1826, the day the spire was added Manning and a fellow-craftsman from Newport worked from early morning till late at night to finish the iron-work. That night the shop burned to the ground, but was at once rebuilt; and there Manning worked as long as he lived. He was twice married. His first wife, whom he m. Aug. 23, 1810, was Abigail, dau. of Ebenezer and Sally (Burpee) Shepard [152], b. Sept. 12, 1795. Abigail d. Jan. 13, 1839, and Manning m. (2), Sept. 19, 1839, Mehitable, daughter of John and Mehitable Page, b. Salem, Feb. 14, 1798. Mrs. Mehitable never made use of a stove, but clung to the old-fashioned fireplace and brick oven of early times. Manning d. Oct. 2, 1872; Mehitable d. Feb. 2, 1885. The children of Manning and Abigail (Shepard) Seamans were,—

1. Caroline Louisa, b. Nov. 15, 1811; never m.; res. with her brother Daniel, at whose house she d. Nov. 19, 1874.



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2. Augustus Washington, b. Sept. 17, 1813; m. (1), Caroline Dodge of Exeter, and res. there; m. (2), Lydia Dodge (sister of Caroline), and res. in Brookline, Mass. Was for many years a successful merchant in Boston, and d. in Brookline, Feb. 12, 1864. His widow is living at her home in Exeter. Children:
 - (1). William S., m., Nov. 27, 1883, Helen Perkins Woodbury of New York city, where they res. at 156 West 86th street. William Seamans was graduated from Harvard in 1877, studied medicine at the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York city, and since 1882 has been examining physician for the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U. S., at their home office, 120 Broadway, New York. He has two sons, Woodbury and William S., Jr.
 - (2). Grace Helen, unmarried; res. at Exeter with her mother.
 - (3). Fannie Dodge, never m.; d. in 1884.
 - (4). Francis Augustus, m. Caroline Story Brodhead of Salem, Mass., where they res. Francis is a merchant, having an office at 57 Oliver street, Boston. He has two sons, Richard Dodge and Robert Channing.
 - (5). Eddie, d. young.
3. Warren, b. Aug. 5, 1815; d. May 2, 1817.
4. Daniel Shepard, b. March 17, 1818; m., Jan. 1, 1845, Frances Mary, dau. of John and Lydia (Gerrish) Dodge, b. Sept. 22, 1819; res. in N. L.
5. Sarah Easterbrooks, b. July 17, 1820; d. Feb. 10, 1823.
6. Charles Manuel, b. Oct. 29, 1822; d. Aug. 7, 1824.
7. James Manning, b. Aug. 28, 1824; m. Sarah Stearns of Brookline, Mass., where they res. James is a grocer at Brookline, in a store established by his brother Augustus. Children:
 - (1). Manning, unmarried; in company with his father.
 - (2). Marshall, m. and res. in Brookline; d. at Colorado Springs. No children.
 - (3). Ella, unmarried; res. at home.
8. Henry Warren, b. Dec. 18, 1826; d. June 1, 1876. Henry m. *See p. 1* Eliza Doe of Newmarket; was a jeweller. After his wife's death he went to his brother James's in Brookline for rest and change, but d. a few days after his arrival. Children:
 - (1). Annie, m. Ernest Capen; res. in Lynn, Mass.
 - (2). Abby, m. Alfred Warren; res. in Lynn, Mass.
 - (3). George, m.; res. in Cambridge, Mass.
9. Abby Frances, b. Jan. 16, 1829; res. with her brother James in Brookline, where she d. Sept. 17, 1849. Daniel S. Sea-

mans of N. L. now has the Bible containing the family records of Elder Job Seamans, Job Seamans, Jr., and Manning Seamans, and this inscription: "THIS HOLY BIBLE "was presented to Manning Seamans, January 1st 1850 by "request of ABBY FRANCES SEAMANS, who died September "17th 1849 at the age of 20½ years, with the request that it "may [be] kept as the property of the Eldest member of the "family during his or her lifetime."

10. Frank Fayette, b. May 25, 1832; m. Annie, and res. in Brookline, Mass. Was in grocery business at Brookline, and during two years spent at Scytheville for his health kept store in the building near the outlet of Lake Pleasant. Children:

- (1). Harry, who m. and res. in Brookline; is deceased.
- (2). Frank, is a member of Nash & Seamans, shoe-findings, High street, Boston. Both Harry and Frank spent several summers in N. L. with their uncle Daniel.
- (3). Margery, d. young.

11. Helen Marr, b. July 28, 1834; d. Aug. 17, 1836.

SMITH, IRA.—Ira, youngest son of David and Catharine (Shepard) Smith [161], res. on the homestead, and later removed to Bradford, where he d. He was b. in N. L., Jan. 16, 1799; m., June 27, 1822, Amanda, dau. of Jesse and Phebe (Farmer) Dow [92], b. Sept. 21, 1798. Children:

1. Jason, b. Jan. 23, 1824; d. young.
2. James Franklin, b. Sept. 2, 1826; m. his cousin Matilda, dau. of Joel and Hannah (Smith) Fletcher; res. in Woonsocket, R. I.
3. Mary Elizabeth, b. Dec. 5, 1830; never m.
4. Nahum Warren, b. May 21, 1832; d. unmarried.
5. Regina Maria, b. Nov. 24, 1841; m. J. Albert Peaslee of Bradford, where she res.

STINSON, JAMES.—James, oldest son of John and Nancy Stinson [162], was b. in Hillsborough, Aug. 30, 1789. His wife was Sarah, dau. of Rev. Robert Dickey of Wilmot. He res. on the homestead, the John Colby place, and the James E. Shepard place; was a cooper by trade; a tub which he made for Mrs. Perley Burpee is still in the family. Children:

1. Thomas, b. July 6, 1816; d. Feb. 26, 1817.
2. Robert, b. Dec. 13, 1817; was a Universalist minister. Fitted for college at the N. L. academy, and entered the sophomore class at Dartmouth in 1842, though unable to complete



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the course on account of ill health. His preparation for the ministry was received at the hands of Rev. Joseph Sargent of Sutton, and he began preaching in 1844. The day of his ordination, Sept. 2, 1847, was also the date of his marriage to Ruth M., dau. of Ebenezer and Hannah (Pressy) Andrews of Sutton. He was connected with the churches at Sutton, Acton, Mass., and Croydon, and travelled for some years in the South and West for his health. When the Civil War broke out he gave himself up to the cause of freedom, and in the fall of 1861, at the president's call for more men, he was commissioned chaplain of the Sixth N. H. V. But the hardships of war rapidly conquered the feeble frame, and the following summer he came home, completely broken in health. March 11, 1863, he passed away, his life a sacrifice upon his country's altar as truly as that of the soldier who falls in the smoke and roar of battle. Rev. Robert Stinson was a man of many lovable qualities, and won the respect and esteem of his parishioners and fellow-citizens by his thorough manliness of conduct. All his children d. young.

3. John, b. Dec. 24, 1819; m., June 27, 1844, Lydia, dau. of Captain and Mary (French) Hartford, and res. in N. L.
4. Sarah Ann, b. May 17, 1826; m. Ephraim Davis.
5. Drusilla, b. April, 1828; d. June 14, 1828.

WHITTIER, OSGOOD.—Osgood, oldest son of Abner and Abigail (Sargent) Whittier [166], was b. March 16, 1787. He m. Sally, dau. of Jonathan and Lucy (Parker) Davis of Sutton, b. April 5, 1797. They res. in the first Stephen Dean house on Pleasant street, removing to Sutton in 1826. Osgood d. Aug. 11, 1854; Sally d. July 9, 1851. Children:

1. William Taylor, b. Feb. 6, 1819; d. Sept. 12, 1832.
2. Charles Cummings, b. April 17, 1821; m. Selina Small; d. Oct. 17, 1882. One child, Herman C., b. July 27, 1860.
3. Ruth W., b. May 14, 1824; m., Dec. 30, 1840, her cousin, Alden P., son of Phineas and Sally (Andrews) Whittier of Sutton, b. Sept. 29, 1814.
4. Ira P., b. June 10, 1826; m., Sept. 16, 1851, Betsey J. Adams; res. in Sutton and Warner. Four children.

WHITTIER, STEPHEN.—The youngest son of Abner and Judith (Sargent) Whittier [166] was Stephen, b. Aug. 3, 1799. He built the Joseph Messer house in 1824, lived there seven or eight years, and then moved to the David Baldwin

house, which his father had built in 1795. Stephen m., Dec. 16, 1824, Almira, dau. of Rev. Robert Dickey of Wilmot. Almira d. November, 1864, and Stephen m. (2), August, 1865, Olive (Dickey) Prescott, widow of Sewall B. Prescott of Wilmot. Olive d. Feb. 2, 1875; Stephen d. March, 1881, in the house and room where he was born. Children:

1. Celista, b. Dec. 29, 1825; m., June 8, 1852, Joseph H., son of Samuel and Thirza (Battles) Messer, b. Dec. 19, 1823; res. in N. L.
2. Miriam Dickey, b. April 19, 1828; m., July 8, 1853, David, son of Jeremiah and Esther (Maynard) Baldwin of Hancock, b. Nov. 13, 1825; res. in N. L.
3. Judith, b. Nov. 19, 1829; m. Joseph H. Messer (his second wife); res. in N. L.
4. Alonzo Francis, b. Feb. 21, 1835; stepped on a nail and had tetanus; d. Sept. 30, 1847.
5. Sara Jane, b. Feb. 10, 1837; m., Oct. 24, 1858, Hiram, son of Stephen and Ruth (Woodward) Sargent, b. Sept. 12, 1830; res. in N. L.
6. Emmeline Almira, b. Feb. 16, 1839; d. Oct. 6, 1857.
7. Albert, b. April 13, 1843; d. Aug. 27, 1857.

WHITTIER, CAPT. WILLIAM.—William, son of Abner and Judith (Sargent) Whittier [166], b. May 19, 1795, was a school teacher. He m. Polly, dau. of Rev. Robert Dickey of Wilmot, b. July 27, 1803, res. there for a few years, returned to N. L. in 1828, and res. in the house vacated by his brother Osgood in 1826, later removing to Scytheville. William d. Aug. 9, 1881; Polly d. Jan. 3, 1892. Children:

1. Betsey, b. Wilmot, Jan. 5, 1825; m., March 12, 1849, John M. Wakefield of Newport; is deceased. Child: Lillian Louise.
2. Abigail, b. Nov. 15, 1826; m., Dec. 26, 1844, Abijah, son of Enoch and Betsey (Brocklebank) Davis; res. in N. L.
3. Drusilla, b. N. L., July 14, 1828; m. Henry Hoadley of Lowell, Mass.; res. in Potsdam, N. Y., and have William, Ernest, Charlotte, now living and m.
4. Phinehas, b. Jan. 11, 1832; twice m.; son, Edwin, by first wife; d. in Lawrence, Mass.
5. Louisa, b. Feb. 2, 1836; m., Feb. 16, 1873, Harvey Chadwick of Sutton, where she res. and d. No children.
6. Mary, b. March 7, 1839; m. Simeon Hall, and res. for a while in Vermont; returned to N. L., and d. in the old



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General Gay house at Low Plain. Simeon m. (2), Augusta, dau. of Asa and Mary (Wood) Ray of N. L., b. Dec. 25, 1844; res. at Wilmot Flat.

7. Lydia J., b. Jan. 6, 1841; m. Sylvester Felch of Sutton, where she res. and d. Child: Gertrude.

8. Almon B., b. July 15, 1844; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Curtis Messer; res. in N. L.

WILKINS, DEA. GIDEON.—Gideon Wilkins was the son of Aquilla Wilkins of Sutton, and res. near his father until after the death of his wife Sally. In 1816 he came to N. L., and res. on the Stephen Dean place till 1819: in the Low Plain district till 1825, and then purchased the Jonathan Herrick farm, living in the present Amos Hastings house. Afterwards he removed to the Charles Morgan house at the Hominy Pot, and d. there. Children:

1. Gideon, b. Dec. 1, 1800; m. Rachel, dau. of Ezekiel and Susan (Smith) Knowlton, b. March 25, 1807; res. in N. L.

2. Cynthia, b. Aug. 7, 1802; m., Aug. 31, 1828, Gilman P., son of William and Susanna (Segur) Sargent; res. in N. L.

3. Matthew, b. April 15, 1804; lost on Lake Sunapee, and froze to death.

4. Jesse, b. July 4, 1806; res. at Hominy Pot.

5. Dustin, b. Dec. 8, 1808; m., Nov. 28, 1833, Elizabeth, dau. of Matthew H. and Mary (Andrew) Sargent, b. Jan. 2, 1815; res. in N. L.

6. Eliza, b. July 3, 1811.

7. Lucy, b. Nov. 10, 1813; m., 1834, Nathan Phelps of Sutton.

WILLIAMS, BENJAMIN.—Came to N. L. with his half-brother, John Williams, Jr., mentioned below. Removed to Connecticut, where he and his wife Hannah d. Children b. in N. L.:

1. Lois, b. July 1, 1820.

2. William Todd, b. Sept. 15, 1822.

3. Levi Collins, b. July 30, 1824.

WILLIAMS, JOHN, JR.—The John Williams, Jr., whose name first appears on the 1812 tax-list, came to N. L. from Gloucester. John was b. May 24, 1773, and m., May 19, 1808, Almira, dau. of Henry Elwell, a sea-captain sailing from North Yarmouth, Me., b. Nov. 29, 1784. With them and their two-year-old son, John, 3d, came John Williams, Sr., his second wife, and their son Benjamin, with his wife Hannah. John,

Sr., was a Revolutionary soldier, and his reason was somewhat impaired by the hardships he had suffered in the army. John, Jr., purchased the Newton Manahan farm, and there established his father's family. Both John, Sr., and his wife d. in N. L., and are buried in the village cemetery. The Williamses are descended from the John Williams who, with a brother, came from Cardiff, Wales, in 1700, and settled in Hampstead, Mass. John, Jr., lived first on the "old Fales place," northwest of the Whitney buildings, and later on the opposite side of the road from the Harrison B. Williams place, in the Jewett house. Soon after 1826 he removed to Penacook, then to Manchester and Weare, and d. at North Weare, March 17, 1862. His widow returned to N. L., where she d. Nov. 2, 1872. Children:

1. John, b. Gloucester, Oct. 29, 1809; m., Oct. 29, 1840, Lydia, dau. of Peletiah Bugbee of Chelsea, Vt.; res. in N. L.
2. Almira, b. March 1, 1812; d. Sept. 11, 1814.
3. Henry E., b. Sept. 25, 1814; m. Eliza Elm and went to Boston; d. Aug. 11, 1852. Children: Evalina, Addie, Fred (deceased).
4. Almira, b. Dec. 8, 1816; never m.; d. Jan. 15, 1893.
5. George W., b. Feb. 15, 1819; res. at Penacook; d. Oct. 11, 1852.
6. Alonzo K., b. Aug. 12, 1821; d. Sept. 16, 1823.
7. Alonzo K., b. Jan. 10, 1824; never m.; was a shoemaker; d. Weare, Sept. 2, 1852.
8. Melissa, b. Oct. 23, 1828; never m.; d. Manchester, April 27, 1852.

WOOD, JOSEPH.—Joseph Wood settled in N. L. in 1801, and built a house about twenty rods north of the present Luther Ray cottage. His wife was Dorothy Smith, a sister of Moses Smith of Sutton and Wilmot. Children:

1. John, b. May 20, 1795; m., March 8, 1814, Tryphosa, dau. of Hezekiah and Esther (Wilkins) Parker of Sutton, b. Oct. 20, 1792; res. in N. L.
2. Betsey, b. Feb. 19, 1797; m., Nov. 14, 1816, Amos Parker (brother of Tryphosa above), b. Aug. 12, 1788; res. in N. L.
3. Sarah, b. July 7, 1799; m., Sept. 29, 1822, Baruch Chase, son of Benjamin Moody and Rachel (Herrick) Clement, b. April 7, 1799; res. in N. L.

4. Stillman, b. Oct. 2, 1801; went West and m.; a dau., Mary Elzina, m. Asa Ray and res. in N. L.
5. Ethan S., b. Sept. 8, 1804; never m.; is deceased.
6. Lucinda, b. July 19, 1807; never m.; d. 1830.
7. Greenough, b. April 4, 1809; res. Bridgewater, Mass.; is deceased.

WOODBURY, DANIEL.—Daniel, second son of Lieut. Benjamin and Zillah (Dow) Woodbury [168], was b. June 15, 1778: m., Oct. 8, 1801, Rhapsima Messenger. Like all the Woodburys, Daniel was a thoroughly good citizen. In 1834 the family removed to Chardon, Ohio. Children:

1. Daniel M., b. July 30, 1802; d. Feb. 19, 1804.
2. Louisa, b. Feb. 13, 1804; m., Nov. 25, 1828, Capt. Herod Thompson of Andover, where they res.
3. Mary M., b. Feb. 19, 1806; m., May 20, 1828, Abial, son of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee, b. Oct. 1, 1800; res. in N. L.
4. Benjamin B., b. Dec. 12, 1808; went with his father to Chardon, O., and there m. Miss M. A. Murray of Concord, O. No children.
5. Sally D., b. March 21, 1811; m. Horace F. Chase of Cornish; res. at Macomb, Ill. Three children.
6. Daniel P., b. Dec. 16, 1812; m. Catharine, dau. of Gen. Thomas Child. The town is honored in being the birthplace of so distinguished a son as General Woodbury, who was graduated from the U. S. Military Academy, July 1, 1836; appointed second lieutenant of artillery. In 1847-1850 directed the construction of Fort Kearney and Fort Laramie. At the outbreak of the Civil War, was associated in the defence of Washington and engineering organization of the Army of the Potomac. Rendered conspicuous service at Bull Run, Siege of Yorktown, the memorable "Seven Days," and the movement to the James river. His personal gallantry in throwing bridges across the Rappahannock, in the face of the murderous fire from the heights of Fredericksburg, won him the brevet of brigadier-general "for gallant and meritorious services." In March, 1863, General Woodbury was detailed for the important command at Key West, and there fell a victim to yellow fever Aug. 15, 1864. His former commander, Maj.-Gen. J. G. Barnard, in a biographical sketch in "Johnson's Encyclopedia," says of him,—“A true Christian soldier, he met death as calmly as he had more than once faced it on the battle-field.” General Wood-

bury also ranked high as a scientific writer, his "Theory of Arches" being regarded as a standard work.

7. William W., b. May 15, 1815; went West; never m.

8. James M., b. Jan. 3, 1820; m. Sophia Benton, and res. at Mentor, O.

WOODBURY, JONATHAN.—Capt. Jonathan Woodbury was the oldest son of Lieut. Benjamin and Zillah (Dow) Woodbury [168], b. July 23, 1776; m., Sept. 19, 1799, Lois, dau. of Elder Job and Sarah (Easterbrooks) Seamans [145], b. April 2, 1779. Both Jonathan and Daniel res. on the homestead at Crockett's corner, Lieut. Benjamin having removed to the George Williams house on Summer street soon after Daniel's marriage in 1801. Jonathan went to Canandaigua, N. Y., in 1806, and from thence to Olney, Ind. Lois (Seamans) Woodbury d. Dec. 8, 1861. Children, b. in N. L.:

1. Rosamond, b. Oct. 24, 1802.

2. Caroline, b. Oct. 8, 1804.

WOODBURY, WHEELER.—Wheeler was a relative of Lieut. Benjamin Woodbury, and came from Acworth to N. L. in 1804. He was the oldest son of Zachariah and Hannah (Vionnen) Woodbury of Acworth; m. Maria Pease. Res. in Wilmot in 1810; returned to N. L., and res. with the widow of Lieut. Benjamin a few years. Children:

1. Nathan, b. Acworth, Aug. 4, 1803.

2. Ebenezer Buswell, b. N. L., July 16, 1805.

3. Maria S., b. April 8, 1807.

4. Wheeler Pease, b. Wilmot, May 7, 1810.

WOODMAN, BENJAMIN E.—Benjamin Emory, son of Capt. John and Polly Woodman [170], is first enrolled on the tax-list in 1813, evidently the date of his majority. He began keeping store in the Captain Woodman house which preceded the red house now standing, in 1816, and sold to Perley Ayer in 1826. His wife's name was Mary, and a dau., Mary A., who d. Sept. 7, 1818, aged 2 years, is buried in the cemetery.

WOODWARD, ISAAC.—Isaac, youngest son of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward [170], was b. in Sutton, March 15, 1797. He m., Feb. 6, 1827, Hannah K., dau. of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent [141], b. Oct. 28, 1802. Isaac res. on the Merrill Robie place, and built the house now standing, in one end of which he had his carpenter shop. He was

deputy sheriff at one time. In 1835 he removed to Mechanicsburg, Ohio. He d. Dec. 27, 1877, leaving two daus., Susan, b. N. L., Leila, b. Ohio.

WOODWARD, JAMES.—Third son of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward [170]. James m., Dec. 8, 1814, Dolly, dau. of John and Molly (Pingree) Dole [91], b. Oct. 22, 1793. When John Dole d. in November, 1814, John Morgan, 3d, purchased half the farm, and James the half on which was the Dole homestead. In 1821 a red-oak mantel over the fireplace caught fire, and the house was burned to the ground. James then built the Moses Messer house, where he res. until he went to Ohio in 1835 with his brother Isaac. James d. April 28, 1872. Joseph, son of Joseph G., was adopted by his uncle James, and went with him to Ohio. James had two daus., Rosaline and Diantha.

WOODWARD, JOHN K.—John King, son of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward [170], b. Sutton, July 9, 1795, m., Aug. 8, 1820, Mehitable K., dau. of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent [141], b. March 14, 1801. John K. res. in the Major Messer house and the J. D. Pingree house. Went West soon after 1835, and d. there Nov. 20, 1873. Children:

1. Carlos, b. Feb. 3, 1822; d. Feb. 22, 1822.
2. Unnamed son, b. April 7, 1824; d. in infancy.
3. Emily S., b. June 23, 1825; d. July 29, 1826.
4. Stephen S., b. Oct. 14, 1826; m., Feb. 25, 1855, at Oak Grove, Wis., Caroline Bortle of Oneida, N. Y. They have:
 - (1). Emily J.
 - (2). Wesley, m. Annie Roper of Watertown, Wis.
5. Daniel J., b. July 27, 1828; m. (1), May 23, 1860, May Lowe of Medina, Ohio (b. Scotland), who d. Feb. 20, 1866. Daniel J. m. (2), Oct. 4, 1867, Abbie P. Booth of Northfield, Vt., who d. Feb. 24, 1891. Two children by each wife:
 - (1). Flora M., d. 1866.
 - (2). Angie C., m. Charles Fellows, M. D., of Chicago, Ill.
 - (3). A daughter, d. in infancy.
 - (4). Herbert Booth.
6. Marshall J., b. Sept. 2, 1830; m., Oct. 7, 1855, Mary Spalding, niece of Mrs. R. H. Messer of N. L.; res. in Watertown, Wis. Children:
 - (1). Frank E., a member of Woodward & Stone, manufacturers of crackers and confectionery, Watertown.

- (2). Dura M., m. Lugania Lewis of Watertown; they have (a) Annice Marie, b. Feb. 23, 1896.
- (3). Minnie, d. young.
- (4). William Henry.
- (5). Myron Chester.
- (6). A foster dau., Lettie, who m. Willis L. Cheney of Watertown.
- 7. Angie, b. Dec. 1, 1833; d. Aug. 3, 1835.
- 8. George S., b. Hanover, June 5, 1835; m. (1), Josephine Hambright of Oak Grove, Wis., who d. May 20, 1866. George S. m. (2), Jan. 22, 1870, Sarah A. Hambright of Oak Grove. Children :
 - (1). Grace, m. Charles Keets; d. May 11, 1888.
 - (2). Edna Lou.
 - (3). Harold H.
 - (4). Margaret J.
- 9. Susan A., b. Oct. 25, 1840; m., April 9, 1866, Charles H. Ferry of Oconomowoc, Wis. Children :
 - (1). A son, d. in infancy.
 - (2). Harry A.

YOUNG, AARON.—Aaron Young first appears on the N. L. tax-list in 1819. At the time of his marriage, Oct. 29, 1818, he was of Wendall (Sunapee). His wife was Abigail, dau. of Daniel and Abigail (Blake) March [121], b. July 5, 1799, and they res. on the March homestead on Rowell's hill. Aaron was b. Jan. 24, 1796; d. April 11, 1872. Abigail d. June 17, 1858. Children :

- 1. Daniel, b. 1819; d. Sept. 22, 1823.
- 2. Dolly, b. Aug. 2, 1820; m., Jan. 22, 1845, Amos B., son of John and Sarah (Stevens) Currier, b. July 2, 1816; res. in N. L.
- 3. Lydia, b. Aug. 21, 1823; m., Dec. 22, 1842, John M., son of Evans and Lydia (Morgan) Dow, b. Feb. 18, 1819; res. in N. L.
- 4. Emmeline, b. Oct. 26, 1833; m., April 18, 1850, Edmund, son of Edmund and Nancy (Messer) Davis, b. Jan. 23, 1825; res. in N. L.

The following were land-owners during the second historical period, but there is no trace of their families : Peter S. Adams, Stephen Currier, Ezra Emery, Lowell Fisher, Evans Hastings, Samuel Huntoon, Stephen G. Page, John Rogers, Jacob Sargent, John Stickney.

CHAPTER VII.

THIRD HISTORICAL PERIOD—BUILDING OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH—SPRINGFIELD AND WENDALL LINES—OPENING OF STAGE ROUTE—FOUNDING OF NEW LONDON ACADEMY—THE SCYTHE WORKS—EARLY HISTORY OF SCYTHEVILLE—ESTABLISHMENT OF POOR FARM—SURVEY FOR THE NORTHERN RAILROAD—TREE-PLANTING EPISODES—PRINTED REPORTS—NEW LONDON'S CROWNING HONOR—TOWN OFFICIALS, 1826-1850.

The third period, from 1826 to 1850, may be characterized as an era of marked progress. New and profitable industries were established, population and material resources increased correspondingly, and religious and educational interests shared in the general upward impetus. The trend of affairs was naturally along old conservative lines, but a few dominant leaders, infected with the public spirit and enthusiasm resultant from broader living and contact with the outer world in its eager, resistless activity, broke down the hedging barriers and set in motion the whirring wheels of industry and advancement. In tracing the gradual evolution, recourse must be had to the voluminous records of the town clerk and selectmen, detailing carefully and laboriously the minutiae of current events.

Mention has already been made of the predominance of the Baptist belief, and at a special town meeting in the year 1825, a strong effort was made by prominent members of that society to secure an exclusive right to use the meeting-house for public worship. The motion was defeated, and this was the signal for a radical movement. For nearly a half-century what is now Summer street, by virtue of its possession of the mills at the Hominy Pot, the town meeting-house, the earliest store, and the postoffice, had the paramount claim as the business centre of the town; but the fickle wind of popular favor was already veering towards the east. It was decided to build a meeting-house for the Baptist society on Colby hill,

and Anthony Colby and David Everett undertook the responsibility of the work.

The approximate cost of the building was determined, and enough slips were disposed of in advance to secure the builders. Early in 1826 the corner stone was laid with appropriate ceremonies, and July 4 was the day set for raising the huge frame. No booming cannon was needed to rouse the workmen on that eventful Independence day, and from early dawn until late at night they swarmed like bees around the hive, until at last the completed framework stood bare and gaunt against the evening sky. When the belfry and spire were added, Manning Seamans, assisted by a fellow-craftsman from Newport, did the iron work, and the night it was completed his smithy burned to the ground. Through all the long summer days the work went briskly on, and before the snows of winter fell, the house was closed in, and the clear-toned bell in the belfry rang out over the valleys in joyful notes, welcoming the people to the new place of worship. At the regular meeting of the Baptist society, on the third Monday of December, 1826, it was voted to accept the meeting-house and the common around it, and Joseph Colby and Jonathan Greeley were chosen a committee to take a conveyance from the builders. For a while worship was held in the old house on alternate Sundays, but its principal use for the succeeding quarter-century was for town meetings. The horsesheds at the new church were built about 1838.

The records of the Baptist state convention attest that on June 27, 1826, delegates from sixteen churches met with the church in New London, and there organized as a corporate body under a charter just obtained from the New Hampshire legislature. Joseph Colby was the first president of the convention, and it was most fitting that New London should be the birthplace and Mr. Colby the sponsor of the corporation, for he was not only a devout Baptist himself, but gave freely both of time and money for the propagation of the faith.

The income from the ministerial fund in 1826 amounted to \$80, which was divided proportionately among the three societies, according to their numbers. The Baptists, with 117 members, had occupied the old church 35 Sundays, and received \$53.79; Universalists, 30 members, 9 Sundays, \$13.79; Free-will Baptists, 27 members, 8 Sundays, \$12.41. In 1829 the

ORDER OF EXERCISES,

At the Dedication of the *Baptist* New Meeting-House in New-London, on Thursday, January 11, 1827.

1. Auditory Anthem.—

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of Glory shall come in.—Who is this King of Glory? It is the Lord, strong and mighty in battle, and trial of the sword.—The earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is; the compass of the world, and all that dwell therein. For he hath founded it upon the seas, and prepared it upon the floods.—Hallelujah!—Amen.

2. Invocation :

And reading a portion of Scripture.

3. Singing—

O come let us sing unto the Lord : let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation : let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and show ourselves glad in him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hands are all the corners of the earth : and the strength of the hills is his also. The sea is his, and he made it : and his hands prepared the dry land.—O come let us worship, and fall down, and kneel before the Lord our Maker. For he is the Lord our God : and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

4. Prayer.

5. Singing a Hymn.

- 1 Great Lord of angels, we adore
The grace that builds thy courts below;
And through ten thousand suns of light,
Stoops to regard what mortals do.
- 2 We bring the tribute of thy praise,
And sing that condescending grace,
Which to our notes will lend an ear,
And call us, sinful mortals, near.
- 3 These walls, we to thy honour raise:
Long may they echo with thy praise;
And thou, descending, fill the place
With choicest tokens of thy grace.
- 4 Here let the great Redeemer reign,
With all the glories of his train;
While Pow'r Divine his Word attends,
To conquer foes, and cheer his friends.
- 5 And in the great decisive day,
When God the nations shall survey,
May it before the world appear,
Thousands were born to glory here.

6. Sermon.

7. Consecrating Prayer.

8. Consecrating Anthem.—

I was glad when they said unto me, We will go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem.—Jerusalem is built as a city that is at unity with itself : for thither go the tribes—even the tribes of the Lord—to testify unto Israel, and to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there is the seat of Judgment, even the seat of the house of David.—O pray for the peace of Jerusalem : Peace be within thy walls, and plenteousness within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will wish thee prosperity, and I will seek to do thee good.—Amen. Hallelujah!—Amen.

9. Closing Prayer.

10. Closing Anthem.

- 1 Grateful notes and numbers bring,
While Jehovah's praise we sing
Holy, holy Lamb of God,
Be thy glorious name ador'd.
- 2 Men on earth, and saints above,
Sing the great Redeemer's love:
Lord, thy mercies never fail—
Hail! celestial goodness, hail!
- 3 Though unworthy, Lord, thine ear,
Our humble hallelujahs hear:
Furer praise we hope to bring,
When with saints we stand and sing.
- 4 Lead us to that blissful state,
Where thou reign'st supremely great:
Look with pity from thy throne;
Send thy Holy Spirit down.
- 5 While on earth ordain'd to stay,
Guide our foot-steps in thy way;
Till we come to reign with thee,
And thy glorious greatness see.
- 6 Then with angels, we'll again
Wake a louder, louder strain:
There, in joyful songs of praise,
We'll our grateful voices raise:
- 7 There, no tongue shall silent be;
There, all join sweet harmony;
That through heav'n's all-spacious round,
Praise, O God, may ever sound.

11. Benediction.

societies numbered 144, 28, and 14 respectively. By 1844 the Baptists had increased to 177, the Universalists to 42, and the Freewill Baptists had given place to the Christian society, with 41 members. Union chapel, or the Free church, was built at Four Corners in 1847, but was used only a few years, then sold and moved away. Mention is first made of the principal of the ministerial fund in 1837: principal, \$1,323.33; annual interest, \$79.40. The school fund resulting from the sale of the school lot was \$466.67: annual interest, \$28. The literary fund was \$299.76; the surplus revenue amounted to \$2,203.32.

According to the selectmen's accounts there were in 1826 seven school-districts. The number of pupils in each district and the expenditures were as follows: No. 1, 84 pupils, expense \$76.23; No. 2, pupils 67, expense \$45.91; No. 3, pupils 75, expense \$73.12; No. 4, pupils 71, expense \$60.58; No. 5, pupils 19, expense \$16.02; No. 7, pupils 43, expense \$38.85; No. 8, pupils 39, expense \$34.24. Total number pupils, 398: total expense, \$344.95; average expense, 86 2-3 cents. Balance of appropriation unexpended, \$46.56. The same year Israel Hunting, collector, returned the full amount of his list, \$765.94; income from interest, licenses, etc., \$94.86: total receipts, \$860.88; total expenditures, \$779.60, leaving a surplus of \$81.28. In addition the sum of \$800 was raised and expended for highways.

Among other perambulations made by the selectmen in 1827 were those along the northeastern boundary, formerly the Masonian line. Between New London and Wendall this had been changed, but the Springfield boundary remained, the return being,—“beginning at the northeasterly corner of Wendall, thence southeasterly to Little Sunapee Pond, and on to “the southeasterly corner of said Springfield, thence northeasterly on the line between said New London and Springfield “(being the ancient Masonian Curve line) to a stake and stones “at the northeasterly corner of said New London and the southwesterly corner of Wilmot.”

The line between New London and Wendall was not formally established until 1831, when Samuel Greenwood and Jonathan Herrick for New London, and John Colby, Daniel George, Jr., and Daniel S. Currier for Wendall, agreed upon the line as follows: “Beginning at a stake and stones on the shore of

“Sunapee Lake, and at the southeasterly corner of Daniel George’s land—thence running north eighteen degrees east, “to a stake and stones on the shore of Otter Pond, which is the “northeasterly corner of said Daniel George’s land—thence “the same point, across Otter Pond, to a stake and stones on “Springfield line.”

In 1828 four taverner’s licenses were granted, and for the first time there is a record of the fees therefor, the ordinary license costing \$2, while a special license issued to Hiram Duncan to retail in his store liquor in less quantities than one gallon, cost \$20. Thereafter the annual fee is given as \$2.

It would appear that by this time quite a settlement had been made around the outlet of Lake Pleasant, and in accordance with a vote of the town the selectmen in August, 1828, laid out a schoolhouse lot for district No. 5, as follows: “Beginning on “the northerly side of the highway leading from Colby’s Mills “to Wilmot Meeting-house, nineteen rods and nine links “northeasterly from a large maple tree standing on the easterly “side of the road leading to John King’s and near the first- “mentioned highway—” thence running easterly along the highway, a lot twenty-five feet square was laid out, and William Gay, who owned the land, was awarded \$1.50 damage. What was known as “Colby’s Mills” were the saw-, grist-, and fulling-mills carried on by Isaac Bunker, Robert Pearce, and Josiah Sanborn.

The schoolhouse lot of district No. 3, at Four Corners, is held by virtue of a conveyance given by Ezekiel Sargent, May 29, 1829, conveying to the “said district and their successors “the free and full use, benefit and enjoyment of a certain piece “of land . . . off of the northeast corner of the lot in “front of the house where I now live, and where the old “schoolhouse now stands,—it being a piece of land three and “a half rods square, bounded on two sides by the road . . . “so long as said school-district No. 3 or their successors shall “occupy said land for a schoolhouse lot.”

Sheep were not reckoned among the taxable property until 1829, when Amos Page had 20 and Ebenezer Shepard 5; in 1830 John Brown had 25, Asa Gay 20, Eliphalet Gay 2, and Amos Page 10. In 1831 all sheep that had been wintered one season were taxable; and a total of 2,234 sheep was returned

by 119 owners, the largest flock, 133, belonging to John Brown. It is also of interest to note in the 1830 tax-list the increasing prosperity as indicated by two items. In 1825 only five people owned carriages of taxable value; in 1830 the list included Josiah Brown, Perley Burpee, Joseph Colby, Anthony Colby, Samuel Carr, Moody Clement, David Everett, Jonathan Everett, Greene French, Ezekiel Sargent, Moses Trussell, Rev. Oren Tracy, Israel Hunting, Daniel Woodbury, Jonathan Greeley. Six people had money at interest in 1825; in 1830 the list included Joseph Colby, Samuel Carr, Jonathan Herrick, Moses Trussell, Luther M. Trussell, Widow Molly Adams, Seth Freeman Sargent, Ira Smith, Jonathan Greeley, D. M. Everett, Daniel March.

Only two families were assisted by the town in 1830, and those who bid off their support agreed to "board and nurse them in health and sickness, also to do all their washing and mending of every kind," the town paying all necessary doctors' bills and furnishing what new clothing was required. The contracts were to "continue for one year if the paupers live." One of the families was the Henry Achilles and his wife who had disappeared from town about 1813 (see *p.* 66), and after living in Wendall and Weare had drifted back to their early home. Henry died in 1835, and his wife a few years later.

It was deemed advisable to secure additional land for the enlargement of the burying-ground in 1830, and an exchange was effected with Hiram Duncan, who owned land on the westerly side of the burying-ground, for land adjoining the pound, the pound itself and a right to drive to it being reserved. Jonathan Gage, Jonathan Greeley, and Reuben Porter, Esq., were the committee to appraise the land.

The selectmen's certification to the warrant for the annual meeting for 1831 has this additional paragraph:

"And we further certify that on the same eighteenth day of February we posted up an alphabetical list of all of said inhabitants [legal voters] to the best of our knowledge, at the store of Trayne and Ayer, in said New London, and left a like list with the Town Clerk."

This is the first mention of the public posting of a check-list, though for many years one had been in use at the meetings, in order that in doubtful cases the moderator might "cause

each man's name to be checked as he voted." One so used by Josiah Brown, town clerk in 1807, is still extant.

At a special meeting in 1831 it was voted "to raise one hundred dollars, to paint and repair the town Meeting-house," the selectmen being instructed to let the painting to the lowest bidder. The accounts show that Trayne & Ayer were the successful party, and received \$89 for the job.

The great event of the year 1832 was the daily passage through New London of the line of stage-coaches traversing the route from Hanover to Lowell. In his address at the centennial celebration in 1879, Judge Sargent says,—“This new road had been before the public for several years in one form and another, and was strongly favored by one party and opposed by another. But it had finally, through the efforts of Col. Anthony Colby more than of any other man, probably, been laid out and built, and a stage company had been formed, horses and coaches purchased, and arrangements made for staging.

“This fall of 1832, J. Everett Farnum was teaching a private school for a term in the red schoolhouse at the Four Corners, and it was announced that on a certain day in October the stage-coach would make its appearance. It was to go through here in the afternoon to Hanover, and start the next morning early for Lowell. As the expected event drew nigh, study was out of the question, and the teacher gave all permission to gaze for a time for the long-expected stage-coach with its four horses in hand. It finally came and went, as all things come and go; but it took some time to fully comprehend and realize the importance of the fact that New London was henceforth to have a daily stage and a daily mail both ways.”

It was about this time that the present stage road to Sutton was built, the old road running through Crockett lane and over Harvey hill. The road from Gay corner to Scytheville was never officially laid out, that is, the travelled path in vogue in the days of Capt. Eliphalet Gay's saw-mill finally came to be accepted as a roadway. The highway from Scytheville to Wilmot Flat was built in 1836.

To provide good highways was a constantly-recurring problem, and the foundation of excellent roads was laid with much

patient toil. Up to 1832 the annual expenditure for highways had been \$800 for quite a period; that year there were seventeen districts, each with its surveyor, and an additional sum of \$200 was voted for keeping roads open in winter. In 1833 there were nineteen surveyors, but after a while fifteen was the usual number elected. The two largest appropriations for road purposes during this period was in 1836, when \$800 was voted for repair of highways, \$400 for roads in winter, and \$500 for new roads; and in 1837, \$800 for repairs, and \$410 "to build the new road from Isaac Messer's to Albert Worthen's."

Previous to making the annual inventory in 1833 the selectmen, Joseph Kimball, Anthony Colby, John Trussell, before Joseph Colby, justice of the peace, severally solemnly swore "that we will make a just and true appraisement of all ratable estate subject to the assessment of public taxes in the town of New London at its true and full value in Money—according to the best of our judgment—." Referring to the list thus prepared, the total value of the resident real estate was \$130,690; the total value of the non-resident real estate was \$2,165. Those owning estates exceeding \$2,000 were Joseph Colby, \$5,400, Anthony Colby, \$4,550, John Currier, David Everett, Greene French, Asa Gay, Eliphalet Gay, Jonathan Greeley, Ezekiel Knowlton, Amos Page, John Page, Ezekiel Sargent, Ebenezer Shepard, Marshall Trayne, Daniel Woodbury.

Following the tax-list of 1837 is a tabulated summary of the same, the first so prepared :

Number of polls	.	.	.	198	
Value of real estate	.	.	.	\$142,552	
Horses over 4 winters, value	.	.	.	7,102	
" " 2 "	.	.	.	1,922	
Oxen " 4 "	.	.	.	5,560	
Cows " 4 "	.	.	.	7,488	
Stock " 2 "	.	.	.	3,840	
Sheep, value	.	.	.	7,542	
Carriages, value	.	.	.	830	
Money at interest	.	.	.	19,050	
Stock in trade	.	.	.	4,500	
Highway tax, rate .64	.	.	.		\$831.51

School tax, rate .26	\$337.85
Town tax, rate .32	415.83
State tax, rate .14	181.83
County tax, rate .88	114.29
Road tax, rate .33	429.14
Non-resident highway tax	3.91

Since 1828 a great advancement had been making in the line of educational advantages. Rev. Oren Tracy, who had succeeded Elder Seamans, was a scholarly man himself, and was deeply interested that the rising generation should reap the benefits of a broader and more liberal training than had heretofore been possible. Under his influence and leadership the citizens became more and more interested, not only in the betterment of the district schools, but gradually to the securing of even higher facilities. The legislature of 1837 was petitioned for a charter of New London academy, and the charter was granted on July 4 of that year: Joseph Colby, Jonathan Greeley, Walter P. Flanders, Anthony Colby, David Everett, Samuel Carr, John Brown, Marshall Trayne, Perley Burpee, Jonathan Herrick, and Jonathan R. Addison appearing as the incorporators. The main part of the present academy building was erected, and a school for young ladies was opened in the summer of 1838. Miss Susan F. Colby, daughter of Gen. Anthony Colby, acted as principal, and Miss Martha Greenwood, daughter of Samuel Greenwood, as assistant. After the first term, during which Nahum T. Greenwood enjoyed the distinction of being the only boy pupil, a male department was added, with Prof. Dyer H. Sanborn as principal. The first catalogue, issued Nov. 27, 1838, gave a total enrolment for the two school quarters then completed of 137 students, 67 of whom were from New London. The school thus successfully begun continued to prosper. It enjoyed a large patronage, and became the home of the present denominational school in 1853. Among those who served as principals during the intervening years were Truman K. Wright, Professors Meserve, Averill, and Comings, Alvah Hovey (later the honored president of Newton Theological seminary), Mr. Joseph B. Clarke, and Mr. V. J. Walker.

The firm of Phillips, Messer & Colby appear in the 1837 tax-list as the owners of 30 acres of land valued at \$1,800, a

pair of horses \$140, yoke of oxen \$66, stock in trade \$800. This was the modest beginning of the New London Scythe company, the foundation of an industry which built up the village of Scytheville, and added materially to the population and resources of the town. In the *Granite Monthly* for October, 1881, is an article from the pen of the editor and publisher, John N. McClintock, which furnishes many interesting facts concerning the business that for a half-century flourished in the little hamlet on the eastern border of the town.

The company was organized in 1835, and consisted of Joseph E. Phillips, Richard H. Messer (son of Isaac Messer), and Col. Anthony Colby. Mr. Phillips had charge of the workshops, and Mr. Messer acted as business manager. Mr. Phillips, the original promoter of the enterprise, was twenty-four years of age, and Mr. Messer twenty-eight, when they commenced business in town, coming from Fitchburg, Mass., where they had learned the trade side by side. The first blow was struck on the scythe works August 8, 1835. Mr. Colby, who had owned the water-power which turned the whirring wheels, was the "silent partner" of the firm, yet it was his own indomitable energy, added to the business tact of Mr. Messer, which carried the company through the financial storm that swept over the country in the early days of the undertaking. Samuel Greenwood was admitted to the firm in 1842, and sold his interest to his son, Nahum T. Greenwood, in 1859. In 1869 Joseph Phillips was succeeded by his sons Charles C. and Joseph S., and Charles E. Folsom, foreman in the manufacturing process, became a partner at the same time. The firm was reorganized as the New London Scythe company in 1871. Oren Messer and George E. Shepard were admitted soon after the death of Richard Messer in 1872, and Harry and Robert Greenwood, sons of Nahum, were admitted after 1880.

In the early days of the business fifteen hundred dozen scythes was the annual product. Unsharpened and painted blue, they were packed in straw and sold to the traders in the neighboring towns and counties. Col. Anthony Burpee, nephew of Anthony Colby, was for many years travelling salesman. From this modest beginning grew a trade that in 1880 put on the market ten thousand dozen scythes, one thousand dozen hay knives,

and five thousand dozen axes, making a gross business of \$100,000 and giving employment to seventy workmen. After the Northern railroad was built in 1845-1846, these products of the artisan's skill were conveyed five miles by team to Potter Place, and thence found their way by railroad to wholesale dealers from Maine to California. A remarkable fact in connection with the wholesale trade was the exportation of finished products to Sweden, the source of the bar iron entering into the composition of the scythes and axes, and to Scotland, in competition with English goods, when the two hundred tons of iron and fifty tons of steel annually used by the firm were imported from England.

To fully appreciate the skill of the workman and the enterprise of the business manager that went to the building up of this trade, the chief difficulty under which they labored must be taken into account. They were in competition with establishments on railroad lines that gave them quick and cheap access to the great trade centres. The little hamlet among the New Hampshire hills was five miles from the nearest railroad, and each year over a toilsome road must be drawn the two hundred and fifty tons of crude metal and the five hundred tons of coal that, transmuted into gleaming blades, again traversed the road to the railroad station. But in spite of this disadvantage, the firm held its own in the great marts for a full half-century before it yielded to the inevitable. The works were closed in October, 1888.

To the present and future generations the scythe works will be only a memory or tradition, and it is for history to chronicle what is of interest as the work of ancestral hands. Increasing demand soon outgrew the limited accommodations of early days, when Dearborn Harvey burned charcoal for the forges in an adjoining field. The larger forge shop, thirty by one hundred and thirty feet, was built in 1866; another, thirty by one hundred and twenty, was added a few years later. The polishing shop was thirty by one hundred feet, the grinding shop thirty by sixty; besides numerous sheds and storehouses for iron, coal, and manufactured goods. Each of the large shops had water wheels of fifty to seventy-five horse-power, and portable engines stood ready to furnish power in case the supply of water failed, a contingency which arose only twice in the half-

century. The company also built boarding-houses and detached tenements for such of their employés as did not own their own homes.

In the good old times, to follow the transformation of a bar of iron into the tempered scythe and gleaming axe of the husbandman, was a tour of interest. The seven o'clock whistle was the signal for the loosing of the fourteen huge trip-hammers that hour after hour sounded their rhythmic, unceasing beat, making those in the immediate vicinity content to leave their thoughts unspoken, and sending muffled echoes reverberating across the valley to the distant hills. The iron bars, twelve feet long, two inches wide, and five eighths of an inch thick, came from the forge at a white heat. A workman took one, deftly bent over one end a few inches, and inserted within the fold on each side a strip of steel. This was heated and welded, and under the remorseless blows of the trip-hammer the few inches of steel and iron were drawn out the length of a scythe. Another trip-hammer comes into play, and the bar is flattened to a width of three inches: the back is turned up, and the shape formed, all to the accompaniment of anvil music, and the scythe is shaped and set. One workman finished the point, another formed the heel, and the blade was then hardened and tempered, delicate operations on which depended the value of the tool, and calling for skill and experience.

After the scythe had been straightened, it was ready for the grinders. In the grinding shop, where twelve stones, each a foot through and seven feet in diameter, were kept busily at work, the skilful manipulation of the grinder wore away the iron coating and revealed the finely-tempered steel at the edge of the blade. English story-writers tell of the terrible accidents from bursting stones in the cutlery shops in that country, but in New London so carefully was the motive power adjusted that there was only one fatal accident in more than fifty years, though in busy times a stone weighing three tons would be worn out in three months, and a new one was hung every week. Then came the polishing, the painting and bronzing to suit different customers; and at last, stenciled, packed, and boxed, the finished product was stored to await shipping orders.

Recalling the early history of Scytheville, as the village around the works came to be known, with some of its older

citizens, has elicited much interesting detail that may well be given in this connection. Eugene O'Neil, who for many years occupied the little cottage opposite the Elkins (Scytheville) cemetery, came to New London, Friday, July 4, 1834, by way of Springfield, and ate dinner with Zaccheus Messer, then living near Little Sunapee. His first work was for Jonathan Addison of Springfield, and a little later he hired with James Stinson, on the Emery Burpee place at Gay corner, and lived in an old house called the Wheeler place, the site of the Timothy Crowley cottage. August 8, 1835, when the beginning on the scythe works was made, Mr. O'Neil was employed on the dam back of the store now occupied by H. B. Swett.

There were then in operation the "Colby mills," viz.: the fulling-mill, run by Josiah Sanborn; the new grist-mill, which had replaced the old Jonathan Harvey mill; and the saw-mill, opposite the grist-mill. The fulling-mill sat cornering to the grist-mill, and below. It faced the store, and took water in a raceway above the present wood-working shop of George Thurston. In 1848 it was used as a tinker's and carpenter's shop by Christopher Phillips, and was burned July 4, 1859. The grist-mill disappeared in "war times," and the saw-mill gave place to the tannery, which was built by Messer & Phillips in 1848. The ruins of the old dam in use before the bulkhead was built in 1835, may still be seen above the bridge. In 1834, Robert Pearce, the miller, was living in the Abel Boynton house, which is the oldest now standing; Isaac Bunker lived on the Whittier place, and partly built the "Waldermere" or Daniel Colby house; Asa Haskins was on the Benjamin Everett place, and had a blacksmith shop where Mechanics hall is now. Several of the "out-farms" were occupied at that time,—Alexander Whitney on the Charles Whitney place, Jacob Dole on William Fitzgerald's, Moses Ray on Fred Longley's, John Sherburne on Moses Haskins's.

There is no one, perhaps, who has so thoroughly studied the personal history of Scytheville as Ruel Whitcomb, scythe temperer at the works from 1848 to 1888, and his résumé of builders and owners is full of interest. Jonathan Harvey is said to have built the first house, which stood between Mechanics hall and the Daniel Colby house. Isaac Bunker built the nucleus of the present Whittier house, then sold to Capt.

William Whittier, whose son, Almon B., enlarged and improved, the present occupants being Almon's wife and children. The Boynton house went with the grist-mill, and was owned by Governor Colby. Robert Pearce lived in it, and was followed by Henry Gates, Almon Whittier, Abel Boynton. The Frank Pike house, which is the second oldest now standing, was built by a shoemaker. Samuel Greenwood, after he became connected with the scythe works, lived there, then his son James, then Frank Pike, and the widow of Horace Morey. The "Waldermere" was begun by Isaac Bunker in 1835, and was finished by Richard H. Messer, Matthew Pearce, son of Robert, being the first occupant, then Daniel Colby; it was afterwards bought by the scythe company and rented to employes. Richard H. Messer built the Herbert Swett house, and his son Augustus was born there; he also built the Oren Messer place. Joseph Phillips built and occupied the C. C. Phillips and Loverin cottages. Caleb Cheney built the Olive Hayes house, Jonathan Everett the Everett Messer house, Luther Wheeler, scythe painter, the Dr. Elkins house. Eliphalet Smith the Prescott house. Sherman Phillips, Roger Williams, Charles Folsom, Edwin Whitcomb, Warren Bickford, Edwin A. Jones, Norman Adams, Byron Baker, Charles I. Brown, each built the houses occupied by them. The "old company" built the George Wiggin house and the one just west, the John Jones house, the Moses Fellows house, the house occupied by Byron Tenney and Eugene Adams, and the Herbert Swett store, which was originally a paint shop and later a storehouse. The house now occupied by William D. Woodbury was moved by the company from Wilmot and rented to different parties, then was bought by Ruel Whitcomb, who had rented it, and was occupied by him in all over forty years. The house now owned by Mr. Whitcomb, and the Sidney Pedrick house, were built by the "new company," who also erected the big tenement. The Lampson residence was built by Nahum T. Greenwood in 1882. The store building near the bridge was built by General Colby in 1837. Daniel Colby, his older son, graduated from Dartmouth that year, and opened the store on New Year's day, 1838.

At the annual town meeting in 1838, Joseph Colby, Jonathan Greeley, and Amos Page were chosen a committee "to devise

“some way for the future support of the town Paupers, and “report at the next Annual town meeting.” The committee reported in due season, recommending the purchase of a town farm. This the town voted to authorize the same committee to do, and appropriated the principal of the surplus revenue for that purpose, instructing the committee to pledge the town for any additional sum that might be needed. The committee purchased the Israel Hunting farm in the Low Plain district, about one hundred and fifty-six acres, for \$2,500, and stock and hay for \$158; additional supplies, purchased of Hiram Davis, made a total expenditure of \$2,755. The committee also contracted with Hiram Davis and his wife to manage the farm and care for the paupers one year from the first day of April, 1839, for the sum of \$200. The amount called for by these expenditures exceeded the sum first appropriated by a few hundred dollars, and the committee recommended an additional appropriation of \$1,000, reckoning the balance as sufficient to cover the running expenses for one year. The town voted to accept the report, raised the additional sum, and the poor farm was put in commission April 1, 1839. Amos Page, Rev. Reuben Sawyer, and Thomas Burpee, Esq., were made a committee “to oversee the poor house.” It was also voted “that the Poor house be a house of correction.” In 1859 the town purchased the Amos Page farm in the West Part for a town farm, and the institution was continued until 1875; since then a few paupers have been cared for at the county farm.

Among other items recorded for 1839 the town voted “to pay “Capt. John Pike and John Currier one dollar each for “five years past for putting up waymarks on Sunapee lake “in the winter.” That the age of chivalry was not yet past is attested by the following :

“*Voted*, to give in Widow Robinson’s taxes, and never tax her again.”

“*Voted*, that the town tax Sally Brocklebank no more.”

Agreeable to a petition presented to the selectmen in 1839, a hearing was held at the house of John Williams, Jr., on Burpee hill, and the present schoolhouse lot of district No. 2 was laid out as follows: “Beginning on the northerly side of the highway leading from the town meeting house in said New “London to Enoch Messer’s dwelling house in said New Lon-

“don, three feet west from the westerly corner of the school house in school district No. 2, in said New London, thence northerly, at a right angle with said highway forty feet, thence easterly parallel with said highway forty feet, thence southerly to said highway forty feet, thence westwardly on the side of said highway forty feet, to the bound first mentioned.” For the said lot of land John Williams, Jr., was awarded “seven dollars’ damage.”

According to the records, during this period the New London militia was the Second company in the Thirtieth regiment, Col. Anthony Colby commanding. In 1838, Colonel Colby brought from Portsmouth sixty-four guns for the use of the militia, he and Capt. Amos B. Currier giving their personal bond for the safe keeping of the arms and their return to the state when demanded. The town assumed the obligation in 1842, Joseph E. Phillips and Capt. Perley Burpee, selectmen, binding themselves and their successors in office in the sum of one thousand dollars. At the annual meeting in 1845 it was voted “that if the Soldiers do not take care of the guns now in possession of the town, that the Selectmen box them up and safely keep them.” This well-meant admonition in due time was put in full force, as in 1850 Joseph H. Messer was allowed \$3.58 for putting the arms in order, and it was voted “that the town in future shall take care of the guns.”

About 1845 there was need of a new-schoolhouse in the Scytheville district, and when the matter came before the town the question of location became a live issue. Those who lived in the village proper thought the building should be near the centre of the district, but this was not agreeable to the “outsiders.” Finally a committee was appointed to decide the matter, and they selected a location near the “big rock.” This developed a vigorous opposition, and a petition was at once forthcoming which resulted in the building of the new house on the present site. The old schoolhouse was sold to Peter McKenzie, and is now the Samuel Morey dwelling-house at Wilmot Flat.

In 1845 there was no railroad north of Concord, and in the fall of that year a party was sent to make a survey from Concord to Lebanon, the route of the present Northern railroad. Gen. Anthony Colby was interested in the proposed extension,

and his younger son, Robert, who had just completed his course at Dartmouth college, was a member of the surveying party. It is through the kindness of Mr. Robert Colby that an interesting bit of reminiscence is herewith presented.

Onslow Stearns of Concord (afterwards governor of the state) was the chief engineer of the party, the headquarters being at Edson's tavern at West Andover. After making the height of land at Canaan, they went over to Springfield on the height of land near Star pond in the Chase neighborhood, in order, if possible, to swing the road through New London from Andover. At this point they were met by a large body of New London citizens, who had turned out to render all the help possible in running the line. Among the hospitalities freely tendered the party, Mr. Colby especially remembers a night spent with Amos Page at the West Part.

But to return to the road, as the survey went along from Otter pond to the Hominy Pot, "Captain Kennedy smiled his grim smile," for the grade was just right. Then, alas, the rapid fall from the Hominy Pot to Pattee bridge ("Todd corner") broke everything all up. By bearing off towards Sutton on a big curve, with a big cut at the foot of Dean's hill to the Shepard meadow, the grade might have been got over, perhaps, but this survey was to shorten the distance, or it would amount to nothing—which was the result. It was estimated that the route would have been from ten to fifteen miles shorter, but it was actively opposed by the citizens of Bristol, and New London was obliged to resort to the stage-coach for connection with the new road.

Another event which Mr. Colby entertains in precious memory relates to a somewhat earlier date, but is none the less interesting. He and his brother Daniel took it into their heads to set out trees in front of the old home where they were born, and where there had once been a row of Lombardy poplars. All the big square houses had a row of these queer, stiff trees in the early days, but now on the main road they are left only at the Jonathan Greeley farm, the Greene French house, and the Samuel Carr place. Whatever set the people to buying those trees of some speculator, who took them from southern Europe, to grow in so cold a place, while the same people were cutting down all the native growth around them, has never

been explained; perhaps it was because they grew like willows, by simply sticking slips of them in the ground. But anyway, the trees had then been removed at 'Squire Colby's.

Now Daniel Colby was at this time a student in Dartmouth college, and had been fitted at Hopkinton academy, so he knew something about ornamental trees; and Robert had been going with his father (as Anthony Burpee had with his father, driving cattle and sheep to Bradford for Major Flint, when the silver quarter-dollar the boy received for going with them to Sutton South seemed a fortune), riding horses and driving mules to Portsmouth, to ship to the West Indies. Their route was down through Hopkinton, Concord, and Durham, and Robert thought then, and still thinks, that old Hopkinton village was a charming place. Along the quiet country roads the trees and shrubbery were full of song birds, and in the stately elms of Hopkinton Robert first saw the Baltimore oriole, or golden robin, and listened entranced to his flute-like notes. So the brothers planned to have elms and orioles for their own loved home. Down in the low grounds, wherever they could find them, they took up the sapling elms, brought them up on their strong young shoulders, and set them out in long rows before the old homestead. Long years afterwards, when the slender saplings had grown into trees whose swaying branches tapped at the many-paned windows and swept the high-pitched roof, the orioles found them out, and their swinging nests are hung in this favored spot to-day.

One day Mr. Joel Fletcher came to the store (Samuel Greenwood's, on Colby hill), tied his horse in the shed, and came over where the boys were busy with their trees. "Robberd," said he, "what are you doin'?" "Settin' out a tree," the lad answered. "Well, well," was his comment, "what smart boys you are to be settin' out trees just as your gran'sir has got through cuttin' on 'em down!" Daniel spoke up, "If our gran'sir had left a grove of trees on his north line, as Moses Adams [the Perley place, at Woodbury corner] did, we might have let this job go: we shall have land enough for every-day use." Mr. Fletcher had his say and his laugh, and was satisfied; and so were the boys, for he was a kind-hearted man, and his house sat where it took all the wind there was blowing.

At this time there was no house on the south side of Main

street between the old red schoolhouse at Four Corners and the Herrick tavern. For shade-trees there was a large ash beside the road about where Mrs. Augusta Knight's cottage stands, and another by the John Brown garden, at the east end of the four cherry trees (second growth) standing now. There were two tall Lombardy poplars near the Burpee shop, and some willows at the Trussell place. Esquire Greeley had set out the elms now standing in front of the James D. Prescott house, and the two in front of the Alvin F. Messer house. Those were all, except the five butternut trees set out by 'Squire Colby just opposite the homestead, one of which still yields an abundant feast to the omnivorous school boys as of yore. 'Squire Colby could put up with the butternuts, but could not tolerate locust trees because they used to overrun Beach hill in Hopkinton, where he came from, so badly.

Since those days almost everybody has helped in the shade-tree enterprise, and the town is enough handsomer for all the trouble it has cost. The academy grounds have been especially ornamented through the efforts of the teachers and students, and in this connection may be given a bit of sentiment. About 1839, Mr. J. Q. A. Wood (now deceased) was a student at the academy. He set out the two elm trees at the southwest corner of the old academy grounds, and penned a poem about them to his lady love, of which the first stanza was as follows :

"I have planted two trees in my gallant pride,
"And mean they shall stand there, side by side,
"And o'ershadow the sylvan land."

The dedication was to Miss Emily Sargent, whom he married later on—and the elms, so happily planted, have o'ershadowed many a pair of lovers since the days of 1839.

The first mention of printing town and school reports was in 1846, when it was voted "that the Selectmen have the "report of the town's committee for the year ensuing printed "in season for each voter to have a copy of it fourteen days "previous to the next annual town meeting." Also, "that the "report of the Superintending School Committee be printed for "the use of the inhabitants." (Ransom C. Pingree and Charles S. Whitney have nearly complete files of the printed town reports since the above date.) The selectmen's records note



NEW LONDON STREET LOOKING SOUTHEAST FROM "FOUR CORNERS."



TWO OF THE "FOUR CORNERS."

the payment of \$4.38 to Morrill, Silsby & Co. of Concord, "for printing town accounts for 1846," and \$7 to Ervin B. Tripp, "printing School Reports 1846." The superintending school committee were first paid for their services in 1847, when Rev. Mark Carpenter as chairman presented a bill of \$22.

In 1846, New London received her crowning honor in the election of her favorite son, Gen. Anthony Colby, to the chief magistracy of his native state. Judge Sargent says,—“His administration of the affairs of the state government was characterized for integrity, true economy, and a spirit of progress and reform. In the position in which the political parties then stood, it was simply impossible that he could be re-elected.” The story is also told that on being rallied as to his one term of office the ex-governor at once replied that he considered his administration the most remarkable the state had ever enjoyed. “Why so?” asked the friend. With an air of deepest gravity, tempered by the twinkle of his dark gray eyes, he replied,—“Because I have satisfied the people in one year; and no other governor ever did that.”

The census reports give New London a population of 913 in 1830, 1,019 in 1840, and 945 in 1850. The only time in its history when the population has exceeded one thousand was in 1840, and the succeeding decade may be regarded as marking the flood tide of prosperity and influence. The summary for 1850 shows a marked increase in the quarter-century since 1825:

Number of polls	251	
Owners of real estate	183	
Value of real estate		\$186,512.00
Horses over 18 months	169	
Valuation		9,860.00
Neat stock over 18 months	932	
Valuation		16,180.00
Sheep over 6 months	2,535	
Valuation		3,907.00
Money on hand or at interest		30,520.00
Stock in trade		4,650.00
Shares of railroad stock	81	
Raised by taxation		2,246.24

TOWN OFFICERS FROM 1826 TO 1850.

Moderators.

1826.—March 14, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; March 25, Jeremiah Adams; April 25, May 22, Joseph Colby, Esq.; July 20, Capt. Moses S. Harvey.

1827.—March 13, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; March 26, Greene French; April 7, Col. Anthony Colby; July 21, Stephen C. Badger; Oct. 1, Dr. Jonathan Dearborn; Dec. 29, Samuel Greenwood.

1828.—March 11, Jeremiah Adams; Aug. 2, Isaac Woodward; Nov. 3, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; Nov. 27, Capt. Stephen Sargent.

1829.—Jan. 3, Samuel Greenwood; March 10, June 22, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; Aug. 15, Capt. Jonathan Herrick; Oct. 17, Col. Anthony Colby.

1830.—Jan. 16, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; Jan. 21, Capt. Moses S. Harvey; March 9, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; April 3, 20, Col. Anthony Colby; Aug. 21, John Morgan.

1831.—Jan. 13, Samuel Greenwood; March 8, Daniel Woodbury, Esq.; March 28, Joseph Colby; Aug. 20, Amos Page; Sept. 24, Daniel Sargent; Oct. 11, John Page; Oct. 22, Amos Page.

1832.—Jan. 21, Amos Page; March 13, Col. Anthony Colby; Aug. 25, Daniel M. Everett; Oct. 27, Joseph Kimball; Nov. 5, Capt. Moses S. Harvey.

1833.—Jan. 21, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; March 12, Capt. Moses S. Harvey; June 15, Col. Anthony Colby; Aug. 24, Stephen C. Badger.

1834.—Jan. 20, Samuel Smith Knowlton; March 11, Otis Everett; Aug. 18, Joel Fletcher; Aug. 23, Perley Ayer.

1835.—Jan. 24, Thomas Burpee, Esq.; March 10, Otis Everett; Aug. 25, Walter P. Flanders; Nov. 11, Joseph Kimball.

1836.—Jan. 26, Daniel M. Everett; March 8, Amial Shepard; April 15, Joseph Colby; May 7, Joseph Kimball; June 9, Amial Shepard; Aug. 30, Joel Fletcher; Nov. 7, Amial Shepard.

1837.—Jan. 28, Joel Fletcher; March 14, Gen. Anthony Colby; Sept. 9, Horace Clark; Nov. 15, Jonathan Gage.

1838.—March 12, Jeremiah Burpee; March 13, Capt. Otis Everett; Sept. 8, Aaron Young; Dec. 8, Gen. Anthony Colby.

1839.—Jan. 3, Amos Page; Feb. 4, Gen. Anthony Colby; March 9, Jeremiah Pingree; March 12, Gen. Anthony Colby; April 8, Amos Dodge; June 25, Joseph Colby, Esq.; Sept. 2, Sylvanus T. Sargent.

1840.—March 7, Aaron Young; March 10, Amos Dodge; Sept. 2, John Trussell; Nov. 2, Amos Dodge; Dec. 10, William Lee.

1841.—March 4, Capt. Stephen Davis; March 9, Gen. Anthony Colby; Sept. 2, Perley Burpee.

1842.—March 5, William Lee; March 8, Gen. Anthony Colby; Sept. 6, Job Seamans.

1843.—March 11, John J. Sargent; March 14, William H. Hosmer.

1844.—Feb. 10, John Trussell; March 12, William H. Hosmer; Nov. 4, John Trussell.

1845.—March 11, Gen. Anthony Colby; Sept. 23, Nov. 29, Benjamin P. Burpee.

1846.—March 10, Gen. Anthony Colby.

1847.—March 9, Stephen C. Robie; Nov. 6, 29, Benjamin P. Burpee.

1848.—March 14, June 3, Stephen C. Robie; Sept. 2, William Lee; Nov. 7, Stephen C. Robie.

1849.—March 13, Edmund J. Ring.

1850.—March 12, Edmund J. Ring; Oct. 8, John M. Hayes.

Delegate to Constitutional Convention.

1850.—Benjamin R. Andrew.

Town Clerks.

1826-1831, Job Seamans; 1832-1833, Jonathan Herrick; 1834-1835, John Trussell; 1836-1837, Samuel Little,* Josiah Brown; 1838-1841, Job Seamans; 1842-1843, Luther McCutchins; 1844, Benjamin Dodge; 1845-1846, Job Seamans; 1847-1849, John M. Hayes; 1850, William P. Burpee.

* Removed from town.

Selectmen.

1826-1827.—Job Seamans, Jr., Jeremiah Adams, Samuel Greenwood.

1828.—Samuel Greenwood, Jonathan Herrick, John Trussell.

1829-1830.—Samuel Greenwood, Capt. Jonathan Herrick, Israel Hunting.

1831.—Samuel Greenwood, Capt. Jonathan Herrick, Amos Page.

1832-1833.—Joseph Kimball, Col. Anthony Colby, John Trussell.

1834.—Joseph Kimball, John Trussell, Matthew H. Sargent.

1835.—John Trussell, Samuel Little, Matthew H. Sargent.

1836.—John Trussell, Samuel Burpee, Samuel Shepard.

1837.—Jonathan Herrick, Luther M. Trussell, Robert F. Pearce.

1838-1839.—John Trussell, Sylvanus Sargent, Aaron Young.

1840.—Job Seamans, Perley Sargent, Thomas Burpee, Jr., * William Whittier.

1841-1842.—Anthony Colby, Joseph E. Phillips, Perley Burpee.

1843.—John Trussell, Perley Burpee, Jonah Campbell.

1844.—Benjamin P. Burpee, Stephen C. Robie, William Lee.

1845.—Jonathan Herrick, Benjamin P. Burpee, Amos Page.

1846.—Jonathan Herrick, Amos Page, Manning Seamans.

1847-1848.—Benjamin P. Burpee, William Lee, Albert S. Worthen.

1849.—Stephen C. Robie, Albert Little, Nathan D. Pingree.

1850.—Stephen C. Robie, Luther McCutchins, Nathan D. Pingree.

Representatives to the General Court.

1826-1827, Greene French ; 1828-1832, Col. Anthony Colby ; 1833-1834, Capt. Marshall Trayne ; 1835-1836, Joseph Kimball ; 1837-1839, Gen. Anthony Colby ; 1840, John Trussell ; 1841-1842, Walter P. Flanders ; 1843, voted not to send ; 1844, none chosen ; 1845, John Trussell ; 1846, Amos Page ; 1847-1848, Stephen C. Robie ; 1849, John Smith ; 1850, Luther McCutchins.

* Died in office.

Constables and Collectors.

1826-1827, Israel Hunting; 1828, John Morgan; 1829, Thomas Burpee, 3d; 1830-1833, John Morgan; 1834, Perley Ayer; 1835-1836, Aaron Young; 1837, Jonathan Gage, Jr.; 1838, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; 1839, Perley Sargent; 1840, Dudley F. Langley, Samuel Shepard; 1841-1846, John Johnson Sargent; 1847-1848, Albert Little; 1849-1850, Jonathan C. Bugbee.

Auditors.

1826, Josiah Brown, Esq., Capt. Moses S. Harvey, Col. Anthony Colby; 1827, Asa Gage, Jonathan Herrick, Daniel Woodbury; 1828, Moses S. Harvey, Anthony Colby, Greene French; 1829, Jeremiah Adams, Isaac Messer, Greene French; 1830, Anthony Colby, Moses S. Harvey, Jonathan Gage; 1831, Daniel Woodbury, Daniel Pattee, Moses S. Harvey; 1832, Daniel Woodbury, Moses S. Harvey, Samuel Greenwood; 1833, Jonathan Herrick, Job Seamans, Matthew H. Sargent; 1834, Anthony Colby, Dr. Samuel Little, Jonathan Herrick; 1835, Anthony Colby, Thomas Burpee, Jonathan Herrick; 1836, Jonathan Gage, Gen. Anthony Colby, Thomas Burpee, Esq.; 1837, John Trussell, Samuel Burpee, Samuel Shepard; 1838, Jonathan Herrick, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Robert F. Pearce; 1839, Thomas Burpee, Esq., Jonathan Herrick, Josiah F. Taylor; 1840, Gen. Anthony Colby, Aaron Young, Sylvanus T. Sargent; 1841, Manning Seamans, Jonathan Herrick, John Trussell; 1842, John Trussell, Job Seamans, William Lee; 1843, Manning Seamans, Anthony Colby, William Lee; 1844, Amos Page, Jonathan Herrick, Manning Seamans; 1845, Aaron Young, Edmund Ring, William Lee; 1846, John Trussell, William Lee, Stephen Davis; 1847, John Trussell, Amos Page, William H. Hosmer; 1848, John Trussell, William Morgan, Benjamin R. Andrew; 1849, Benjamin P. Burpee, William Lee, Hiram Davis; 1850, Amos Page, Benjamin P. Burpee, Stephen Davis.

Tithingmen.

1826, Job Seamans, Jr., Jeremiah Adams; 1827, Samuel Greenwood, Job Seamans, Jr., Jeremiah Adams; 1828, Samuel

Greenwood, Jonathan Herrick, John Trussell; 1829, Samuel Greenwood, Jonathan Herrick; 1830, Anthony Colby, Ezekiel Sargent; 1831, Amos Page, Job Seamans; 1832, Joseph Kimball, Anthony Colby, Matthew H. Sargent; 1833, William Whittier, Eliphalet Gay; 1834, Joseph Kimball, John Trussell, Matthew H. Sargent; 1835, John Trussell, Samuel Little, Matthew H. Sargent; 1836, Samuel Burpee, Samuel Shepard; 1837, Samuel Little, Jonathan Herrick; 1838, Asa Haskins, Job Seamans, Sylvanus T. Sargent, Otis Everett; 1839, John Trussell, Sylvanus T. Sargent; 1840, Thomas Burpee, Jr., John J. Sargent; 1841, Joseph E. Phillips, John J. Sargent; 1842, Perley Burpee, Anthony Colby; 1843, John Trussell, Perley Burpee, Jonah Campbell; 1844, Samuel Burpee, Stephen Sargent; 1848, Benjamin P. Burpee, William Lee, Albert S. Worthen.

Pound-Keepers.

1826, Evans Dow; 1827, Marshall Trayne; 1828, Perley Ayer; 1829, Samuel Greenwood; 1830, James Todd; 1831-1833, Capt. Marshall Trayne; 1834, Perley Ayer; 1835-1838, Capt. Marshall Trayne; 1839, Daniel M. Everett; 1840, Amos Dodge; 1841, Daniel M. Everett; 1842, William Lee; 1843-1847, Daniel M. Everett; 1848, William Lee; 1849-1850, William Clark.

Sealers of Weights and Measures.

1825-1839, Evans Dow; 1840-1841, Robert F. Pearce; 1842-1844, Stephen Sargent; 1845-1846, Manning Seamans; 1847-1850, John M. Dow.

Sealers of Leather.

1826, Perley Burpee, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Abial Burpee; 1827, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Abial Burpee; 1828, Thomas Burpee, Jr., John Gates; 1829, Abial Burpee, Perley Burpee, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; 1830, Perley Burpee, Abial Burpee; 1831, Perley Burpee, Thomas Burpee; 1841, Abial Burpee; 1845, Elias Davis; 1847, Elias Davis, Charles B. Gay.

Surveyor of Bricks.

1829.—Capt. Stephen Sargent.

Cullers of Staves.

1830, Joseph Kimball, Marshall Trayne; 1831, Edmund Davis; 1833, Edmund Davis, Daniel M. Everett; 1835, Marshall Trayne, James Stinson; 1837-1841, James Stinson.

Surveyors of Lumber.

1826, Capt. Stephen Sargent, Capt. Jonathan Herrick, Horatio Fales; 1827, Stephen Sargent, Daniel M. Everett, John Brown; 1828, John Page, Stephen Sargent; 1829, Stephen Sargent, Jonathan Herrick, Horatio Fales; 1830, Stephen Sargent, Robert Pearce, Horatio Fales; 1831, John Brown, Isaac Bunker, Daniel M. Everett, Horatio Fales; 1832, Jonathan Herrick, Isaac Bunker, Moses S. Harvey, Daniel M. Everett; 1833, Robert F. Pearce, Abraham Adams, D. M. Everett, Horatio Fales; 1834, Josiah T. Sanborn, Horatio Fales, D. M. Everett, John Brown; 1835, Marcus E. Sargent, Robert F. Pearce, Matthew Harvey, Ebenezer Gordon, Enoch Gordon, Josiah T. Sanborn, Gilman P. Sargent; 1836, Horace Fales, Amos Dodge, Matthew Harvey; 1837, D. M. Everett, Amos Dodge, Matthew Harvey, R. F. Pearce; 1839, D. M. Everett, Daniel Couch, R. F. Pearce; 1840, Matthew Harvey, Joseph Trussell, D. M. Everett; 1841, R. F. Pearce, Joshua D. Hemphill, Matthew Harvey, D. M. Everett; 1842, R. F. Pearce, Horace Fales, Benjamin Dodge; 1843, Horace Fales, R. F. Pearce; 1844, J. D. Hemphill, James M. Pike, Joseph Trussell, R. F. Pearce; 1845, J. D. Hemphill, Amos B. Currier, R. F. Pearce, John Trussell; 1846, J. D. Hemphill, A. B. Currier, Moses Adams, Jr., Joseph Trussell, Jeremiah Pingree, Eli Todd; 1847, Eli Todd, A. B. Currier, John D. Woodward, R. F. Pearce, Artemas Whitney, Moses Adams, Jr., Joseph Trussell; 1848, Moses Adams, Jr., A. B. Currier, Nathan D. Pingree, Joseph Trussell, Eli Todd, James M. Pike, R. F. Pearce; 1849, J. D. Hemphill, Horatio Fales, R. F. Pearce, Luther McCutchins, A. B. Currier, John Trussell, N. D. Pingree, Benjamin W. Gay; 1850, Joseph Trussell, N. D. Pingree, Moses Adams, Jr., Benjamin C. Davis, R. F. Pearce, John W. Taylor, Hezekiah Hanson.

Corders of Wood.

1832, Marshall Trayne, John Brown, Perley Ayer; 1833, Perley Ayer, John Brown; 1835, Perley Ayer, John Brown, John Page, Robert F. Pearce, Marshall Trayne; 1836, Marshall Trayne; 1837, Amos Dodge, Jonathan Gage, Jr.; 1839, Sylvanus Sargent, Perley Sargent; 1842, R. F. Pearce, Benjamin Dodge, John Smith; 1843, R. F. Pearce, Benjamin W. Seamans, Henry H. Sargent; 1845, B. W. Seamans, Artemas Whitney, Jonathan G. Everett; 1846, R. F. Pearce, B. W. Seamans, Adam Davis; 1847, R. F. Pearce, John M. Hayes, John Brown, John J. Sargent; 1848, Amos B. Currier, J. G. Everett, Joshua D. Hemphill, J. M. Hayes; 1849, J. M. Hayes, R. F. Pearce, Charles Gould, Henry R. Gates; 1850, J. M. Hayes, R. F. Pearce.

Hogreeves.

1826, William Bunker, Ezra Emery, Ezekiel Trussell, Enoch Messer, Frederick Messer; 1827, Joseph Messer, Job Seamans, Jr., Daniel March, Jr., Marshall Trayne, Isaac Woodward; 1828, Josiah Brown, Aaron Leland Sargent; 1829, Abial Burpee, Benjamin Hall, Jabez Chase, John Chase, Nathaniel Currier, Alanson Fletcher; 1830, Hiram Duncan, Benjamin Bunker, Jr., Samuel Little, Marcus E. Sargent, David Towle, Gilman P. Sargent, Stephen Sargent, Jr.; 1831, S. C. Badger, Esq., Seth F. Sargent, Jonathan Addison, Gilman P. Sargent; 1832, Jonathan Addison, Rodney I. Bingham, James Todd, Timothy Emery, James Morgan, Nathaniel Fales; 1833, Daniel Pattee, George Shepard, Perley Ayer, Hiram Davis, Jacob Messer, Benjamin R. Andrew, Caleb Ray; 1834, Allen Haskins, Dustin Wilkins, John D. Woodward, Eli Todd; 1835, Smith Rand, Walter P. Flanders, Moses Ray, William Sholes; 1836, Henry R. Gates, Horace Morgan, Elbridge G. Fiske, George W. Richards; 1837, Isaac S. Morrill, Caleb P. Smith, Micajah Morgan, Isaac Bunker, Joseph C. Herrick, Luke Blood, True W. Johnson, Charles Jewett; 1838, Asa Gay, Jonathan Herrick, Benjamin Gay, Levi Ray, Job S. Davis, Isaac Page, John L. Chadwick, Hiram Emerson, Enoch Gordon, Jonathan C. Bugbee; 1839, William Lee, Perley Sargent, Curtis Messer, Milton Gage,

Joseph Bean, W. H. Hosmer; 1840, Enoch Messer, Joseph Trussell, Daniel E. Colby, Manning Seamans, B. E. Burpee, Micajah Morgan, Horace Clark, William H. Huntoon; 1841, Anthony Colby, Edmund Ring, John Williams, Jr., Joseph Herrick, Luther M. Trussell, William Perkins, James Phillips, Martin Packard; 1842, Benjamin W. Seamans, Luther McCutchins, James M. Pike, Charles P. Sargent, Stephen C. Robie, Joseph Morgan, Stephen Gordon; 1843, John Page, Stephen Messer, Thomas E. Page, James M. Sargent, James M. Pike; 1844, John Sargent, Walter H. Pearce, William G. Nelson; 1845, Amos B. Currier, John Stinson, Edwin Sargent, John D. Woodward, William Dunton, Abijah Davis; 1846, Eliphalet Gay, Lewis Heath, Fred F. Buswell; 1847, Charles B. Gay, H. C. Bickford, Asa B. Pillsbury; 1848, Peter Bragg, Lawson E. Woodward; 1849, John Smith, Thomas S. Worthen, Abial B. Everett, Jacob Messer, Ruel Whitcomb, George W. Sargent, Asa L. Haskins, Newell J. Nye, James M. Pike, Harrison Prescott, Hezekiah Hanson, Gilman H. Whitney; 1850, John M. Hayes, William S. Whitney, Jacob Pike, George W. Everett, James C. Greenwood, Dexter Everett, Matthew H. Sargent, George W. F. Hayes, Charles Burpee, Daniel M. Burpee, William A. Mills, T. S. Worthen, John F. Brown, James Richardson, Daniel Bickford, Henry Putney, Smith Haines, Hezekiah Hanson.

Fence Viewers.

1826, Israel Hunting, Jeremiah Burpee, John Gates, Asa Gage; 1827, John Currier, Israel Hunting, Ebenezer Sargent; 1828, Josiah Davis, Daniel Woodbury, David Gay, Jeremiah Burpee; 1829, John Gates, James H. Messer, Joseph Kimball, Samuel Messer, John Currier; 1830, Capt. Stephen Sargent, Ezekiel Trussell, Ebenezer Shepard, John Currier, Moses S. Harvey; 1831, Jeremiah Burpee, Joseph Kimball, S. S. Knowlton, Capt. S. Sargent, John Currier, Amos Page, Ebenezer Shepard; 1832, Joseph Kimball, Moses S. Harvey, John Currier, Ebenezer Shepard; 1833, Capt. S. Sargent, Ebenezer Shepard, Joseph Kimball, John Currier; 1834, Stephen Sargent, Moses Adams, Jr., Daniel Pattee, Joseph Kimball; 1835, James H. Messer, Jeremiah Burpee, S. S. Knowlton, Curtis Messer, John Gates, Stephen Sargent, Joseph

Kimball; 1836, Joseph Kimball, Stephen Sargent, Jeremiah Burpee, Anthony Colby; 1837, Stephen Sargent, James H. Messer, Joseph Kimball, S. S. Knowlton, Josiah T. Sanborn; 1838, Anthony Colby, Amos Page, Thomas Burpee, Jr.; 1839, Stephen Sargent, Jeremiah Burpee, S. S. Knowlton; 1841, Josiah T. Sanborn, Stephen Sargent, Daniel Sargent; 1842, Stephen Sargent, Richard G. Cross, Amos Page; 1843, John Trussell, Perley Burpee, Jonah Campbell; 1844, Stephen Sargent, Amos Page; 1845-1847, Amos Page, John Trussell; 1848, Moses Adams, Jr., Moses Burpee, John Trussell; 1849, Joseph Colby, John J. Sargent, Moses P. Everett; 1850, John J. Sargent, Dennis H. Adams, Moses P. Everett.

Highway Surveyors.

1826.—David S. Gile, Asa Gage, John Pike, Jeremiah Adams, Marshall Trayne, Richard Everett, Moses Adams, Jr., John Bunker, Peter Adams, Joseph Colby, Esq., Daniel Woodbury, Esq., Daniel Pattee, Asa Gay, Perley Muzzey.

1827.—Frederick Messer, Amos Page, Edmund Davis, Jr., William Morgan, Isaac Woodward, Nathaniel Messer, Daniel M. Everett, Joseph Putney, Baruch C. Clement, Joseph Colby, Daniel Woodbury, Ira Smith, Jacob Dole, Samuel Burpee.

1828.—Enoch Messer, Daniel Sargent, John Currier, Jonathan Rowe, Timothy Messer, Thomas Burpee, Jr., John Clement, James H. Pillsbury, Job Seamans, Jr., Joseph Colby, Ezekiel Trussell, Moses Shepard, Alexander Whitney, Samuel Burpee, Nathaniel Bunker, Eliphalet Gay, Edmund Davis, Jr.

1829.—John Williams, William Sargent, Jedediah Jewett, Jeremiah Adams, John Gates, Daniel March, Jr., John Clement, James Woodward, John Sargent, Joseph Colby, Greene French, Israel Hunting, Jacob Dole, Samuel Burpee, Jeremiah Pingree, David Gay.

1830.—Alanson Fletcher, Gideon Wilkins, Jonathan Gage, Levi H. Morgan, Hiram Duncan, Moses Burpee, Benjamin Hall, Samuel Messer, John K. Woodward, Samuel Carr, Daniel Woodbury, Ira Smith, Alexander Whitney, Samuel Burpee, William Whittier, John King, Dexter Everett.

1831.—Aaron Young, John Page, Samuel S. Knowlton, William Morgan, Evans Dow, David Towle, John Wood, James Morgan, Capt. B. C. Clement, Anthony Colby, Daniel

Pattee, Otis Everett, Jacob Dole, Samuel Burpee, Asa Pingree, Isaac Bunker, Hezekiah Adams.

1832.—Matthew H. Sargent, John Pike, James Todd, Abial Burpee, Jonathan Addison, Jacob Messer, John J. Sargent, John Brown, Daniel Pattee, Israel Hunting, Timothy Emery, Samuel Burpee, John Hutchins, Sylvanus T. Sargent, John Chadwick, Moses Adams, Jr., Stephen Sargent, Jr.

1833.—Joel Fletcher, Amos Page, John Currier, Levi H. Morgan, Perley Ayer, Richard Messer, David Everett, Micajah Morgan, John Sargent, Anthony Colby, Isaac Morrill, George Shepard, Alexander Whitney, Samuel Burpee, Stephen Whittier, Eliphalet Gay, Ebenezer Sargent, Isaac Messer, John Williams.

1834.—Edmund Davis, Jr., Curtis Messer, Hiram Davis, Benjamin Hall, Seth F. Sargent, Job Seamans, Samuel Carr, Otis Everett, Samuel Burpee, John D. Woodward, Asa Gay, Ebenezer Sargent, Daniel March, John Everett, William Morgan, Nathaniel Kenerson, Nathan Brown, Eli Todd, Enoch Messer.

1835.—Aaron Young, Daniel Sargent, Jedediah Jewett, Marshall Trayne, Thomas Burpee, Moses Adams, Jr., B. Chase Clement, Anthony Colby, John Trussell, Samuel Shepard, Samuel Burpee, Benjamin Bunker, Robert F. Pearce, Enoch Messer, John Williams, James Todd, Micajah Morgan, Moses Ray, William Messer, David Chadwick.

1836.—Joel Fletcher, John Page, Jonathan Gage, Marshall Trayne, William Wood, Aaron L. Sargent, Samuel J. Philbrick, Job Seamans, Esq., Samuel Carr, Israel Hunting, Samuel Burpee, James Stinson, Dexter Everett, Joseph Woodward, George W. Richards, William Morgan, Joseph Trussell, Jacob Dole, Asa Pingree.

1837.—John L. Chadwick, Matthew H. Sargent, S. S. Knowlton, Horace Morgan, Henry R. Gates, David Towle, Joseph C. Herrick, John Wood, John Sargent, Adams Morrill, Jr., Otis Everett, Alexander Whitney, Samuel Burpee, Stephen Sargent, Jr., Asa Gay, Matthew Harvey, Samuel Greenwood, Zaccheus Messer, Enoch Messer.

1838.—Aaron Young, Amos Page, Albert Worthen, John Pike, James Todd, John Gates, Thomas Burpee, Jr., Jacob Dole, Jacob Messer, John J. Sargent, Samuel Carr, James

Hayes, Samuel Shepard, Matthew Pearce, Jeremiah Pingree, Asa Gay, Dexter Everett, John Williams, Jr., Luke W. Blood.

1839.—Joel Fletcher, John Page, John Currier, William Morgan, Abial Burpee, Emery Burpee, James Morgan, Isaac Bunker, Samuel Carr, Dudley Langley, Ira Smith, Caleb Ray, John K. Woodward, Joseph Woodward, Elbridge G. Fiske, David Austin.

1840.—Aaron Young, Greeley Cross, Edmund Davis, William Morgan, William Clark, Benjamin E. Burpee, Micajah Morgan, B. C. Clement, Anthony Colby, Hiram Davis, Alexander Whitney, Stephen Whittier, William Whittier, Enoch Messer, Jacob Worthen.

1841.—John L. Chadwick, Matthew H. Sargent, Jedediah Jewett, James Todd, Moses Burpee, J. J. Sargent, Jeremiah Pingree, Joseph E. Phillips, William Lee, S. T. Sargent, David Everett, Samuel Shepard, Caleb Ray, John Williams, Jonah Campbell.

1842.—Edmund Ring, John Page, David Gage, Jacob Messer, James M. Sargent, James Stinson, Caleb Ray, Asa Pingree, Richard Messer, Moses Ring, Horace Clark, B. P. Burpee, Samuel Carr, Eli Todd.

1843.—John L. Chadwick, Albert Worthen, James M. Pike, William Morgan, Benjamin Dodge, Horatio Fales, Henry Battles, Isaac Bunker, Perley Burpee, Lewis Heath, Alexander Whitney, Stephen Messer, Samuel Greenwood, John Williams, David Hanson.

1844.—Aaron Young, Amos Page, William Todd, Curtis Messer, Samuel Burpee, Samuel Philbrick, Luther McCutchins, Jonathan Addison, Ira Smith, John Hutchins, John K. Woodward, Jonathan Bugbee, Amos B. Currier, Enoch Messer, Caleb Ray.

1845.—Aaron Young, Edmund Davis, James Todd, Stephen Davis, B. C. Clement, John Stinson, Nathan Pingree, M. H. Sargent, W. H. Hosmer, Micajah Morgan, Moses Adams, Jr., David Gay, John Williams, Jr., Isaac Messer.

1846.—Langdon Chadwick, Thomas Osgood, Jedediah Jewett, William Morgan, Joseph Trussell, Moses Burpee, Sargent Putney, Henry Gates, Joseph C. Herrick, Samuel Shepard, Gilman Whitney, Stephen Whittier, Daniel E. Colby,

Enoch Messer, Eli Todd, Anthony C. Burpee, George W. Crafts.

1847.—Aaron Young, John Page, Artemas Whitney, James Todd, William Clark, Jonathan Russell, Samuel Messer, George W. Sargent, Walter P. Flanders, Samuel Shepard, Alexander Whitney, John K. Woodward, Asa Gay, John Williams, Jr., Joshua D. Hemphill, Samuel Carr, George W. Crafts.

1848.—John L. Chadwick, Amos Page, J. M. Pike, William Morgan, Luther Thompson, Ausbon French, James Morgan, J. J. Sargent, Milton Everett, Lewis Heath, Asa L. Haskins, Stephen Messer, William Darling, Manning Seamans, G. W. Crafts.

1849.—Obediah Ring, Albert S. Worthen, Amos B. Currier, James Todd, John M. Dow, B. P. Burpee, Jacob Messer, Isaac Bunker, Milton Everett, Ira Smith, Alexander Whitney, Dennis H. Adams, Jonathan G. Everett, John Williams, Isaac Messer, A. C. Burpee, George W. F. Hayes.

1850.—Edmund J. Ring, J. M. Pike, Edmund Davis, William Todd, James Thurston, Ebenezer H. Adams, Henry Putney, B. C. Clement, Benjamin Gay, Samuel Shepard, Gilman Whitney, N. D. Pingree, J. G. Everett, Richard Greeley Cross, Isaac Messer, Charles Burpee, G. W. Crafts.

Grand Jurors.

1826, Jonathan Gage; 1827, Josiah Brown, Esq.; 1828, Greene French, Job Seamans, Jr.; 1829, David Everett, John Gates; 1830, Capt. Jonathan Everett; 1831, Ezekiel Sargent; 1832, Daniel Woodbury; 1833, Joseph Kimball, Job Seamans, Esq.; 1834, Robert F. Pearce, Joel Fletcher; 1835, Jonathan Greeley; 1836, Samuel Burpee; 1837, Isaac Morrill; 1838, B. C. Clement; 1839, Anthony Colby; 1840, William Morgan; 1841, Matthew H. Sargent; 1842, Jonathan Addison; 1843, Abijah Sanborn; 1844, Jonah Campbell; 1845, Samuel Carr; 1846, John Page; 1847, Jonathan C. Bugbee; 1848, Moses Burpee; 1849, David Towle, Joseph C. Herrick; 1850, Artemas Whitney.

Petit Jurors.

1826.—Capt. Moses S. Harvey ; Asa Gage ; Jonathan Greeley.
 1827.—Daniel Sargent ; Anthony Colby, Amos Page ; Samuel Greenwood. 1828.—Joseph Colby ; Jeremiah Adams.
 1829.—Josiah Brown ; Israel Hunting ; Daniel Woodbury.
 1830.—James Hayes ; Joseph Kimball. 1831.—Isaac Messer ; John Bunker ; Moses S. Harvey. 1832.—Aaron Young, Joseph Colby ; Jonathan Greeley. 1833.—Samuel Greenwood ; Greene French. 1834.—Luther M. Trussell ; Daniel Sargent, Jonathan Gage. 1835.—Matthew H. Sargent ; John Bunker, Aaron Young. 1836.—George Shepard ; Job Seamans. 1837.—Manning Seamans, Amos Page ; Eli Todd, Perley Burpee. 1838.—Marcus E. Sargent, Jonathan Gage ; D. M. Everett, Isaac Bunker. 1839.—Joel Fletcher ; Richard Messer ; Daniel Sargent, John Page. 1840.—Amos Dodge, Aaron Young ; Capt. John Pike, Perley Burpee. 1841.—Jonathan Gage ; John Trussell, Samuel Greenwood. 1842.—Luther McCutchins, Job Seamans ; S. T. Sargent, John Brown. 1843.—B. C. Clement ; Micajah Morgan, Hiram Davis. 1844.—Richard H. Messer ; Anthony Colby, J. J. Sargent. 1845.—Aaron Young ; Manning Seamans, B. E. Burpee. 1846.—William Morgan, D. M. Everett ; Perley Burpee, B. C. Clement. 1847.—Luther McCutchins, Job Seamans ; Joel Fletcher, Jacob Messer. 1848.—Stephen Davis ; Amos B. Currier, Albert Little ; John Smith, Stephen Whittier. 1849.—Samuel Shepard ; David Everett ; David Gay, Anthony Colby. 1850.—William Whittier ; Elias Davis, Abial Everett.

Superintending School Committee.

1826.—Elder Joseph Davis, John Trussell, Asa Gage.
 1827.—Jeremiah Adams, Jonathan Herrick, John Trussell.
 1828–1829.—Rev. Oren Tracy, Daniel Woodbury, Stephen C. Badger. 1830–1831.—Rev. Oren Tracy, Daniel Woodbury, Moses S. Harvey. 1832.—Rev. Oren Tracy, Moses S. Harvey, Stephen C. Badger. 1833.—Rev. Oren Tracy, Stephen C. Badger, Luther M. Trussell. 1834–1835.—Rev. Oren Tracy, Luther M. Trussell, Walter P. Flanders. 1836.—Dr. Samuel Little, Jonathan Herrick, Luther McCutchins. 1837.—Rev. Reuben Sawyer, W. P. Flanders, Capt. John Trussell. 1838.—W. P. Flanders, Amos Dodge, Daniel E. Colby.

1839.—Dyer H. Sanborn, Amos Dodge, Dr. William H. Hosmer. 1840.—Truman K. Wright, D. E. Colby, William Lee. 1841.—W. P. Flanders, Truman K. Wright, Benjamin W. Seamans. 1842.—Norman Wright, John Trussell, William Lee. 1843.—William Lee, Luther McCutchins, B. P. Burpee. 1844.—Luther McCutchins, David F. Brown, John Trussell. 1845.—Rev. Mark Carpenter, Robert Stinson, Alvah Hovey. 1846.—Rev. Mark Carpenter, Luther McCutchins, B. P. Burpee. 1847.—Rev. Mark Carpenter, Luther McCutchins, William W. Flanders. 1848.—Walter P. Flanders, Elder P. M. Hersey, B. P. Burpee. 1849.—George W. Everett, Elder P. M. Hersey, B. P. Burpee. 1850.—Dr. S. M. Whipple, Elder P. M. Hersey, Rev. Ebenezer Dodge.

Postmasters.

William Clark, 1819; Samuel Greenwood, 1827; Stephen C. Badger, 1830; Samuel Little, 1835; Caleb P. Smith, 1838; Manning Seamans, 1839; Benjamin F. Seamans, 1842; John M. Hayes, 1848; Charles Guild, 1850.

CHAPTER VIII.

GENEALOGIES OF DESCENDANTS OF EARLIER NEW LONDON FAMILIES, FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1826 TO 1850 INCLUSIVE, AND OF NEW REAL ESTATE OWNERS DURING THIS PERIOD.

The third historical period, from 1826 to 1850 inclusive, witnessed the flood-tide of New London's prosperity in the way of population and influence. There were not a few of her sons who reached distinction: and in all cases every available source of information, so far as time would permit, has been made use of to render both biography and genealogy as complete as possible. In several notable instances the data for the sketches have been contributed almost wholly by the families directly concerned.

Genealogies, Third Period.

ABBOT, AMASA.—Amasa, oldest child of Theodore and Mary (Burpee) Abbot [213], though a resident of Springfield owned real estate in N. L. from 1834.

ADDISON, JONATHAN R.—Formerly of Springfield, Jonathan R. Addison became a citizen of N. L. in 1831. He bought of Daniel Bickford the A. Jay Messer place, remodelled the house, and built the barn now standing. Jonathan m., Oct. 28, 1830, Rebekah (Sargent) Messer, widow of Nathaniel Messer [265]. Removed to Springfield, and d. there. Rebekah d. Aug. 4, 1855. Child:

1. Lorenda M., b. N. L., July 28, 1836; m. Andrew Seavey, and res. in Bradford.

ANDREW, BENJAMIN R.—A native of Sutton, b. June 29, 1810, the son of Samuel and Sally (Peaslee) Andrew, Benjamin settled in N. L. soon after reaching manhood, and in a residence of more than forty years proved himself worthy of the respect of his fellow-townsmen. His wife was Hannah Blanchard, dau. of Greene and Molly (Page) French [245], and they res. on the French homestead. Benjamin d. Nov. 21, 1875; Hannah d. Nov. 23, 1875. They were buried together, the funeral being held at the church. Children:

1. George W., b. Feb. 10, 1834; res. Clark's Station, Nevada.
2. Martha J., b. May 23, 1841; graduate of Colby academy; m., July 11, 1865, J. H. Byers, b. Sullivan county, Tenn., Jan. 24, 1833. Mr. Byers was ordained as pastor of the Presbyterian church at Somerset, Ky., April 16, 1865, and after a few years removed to Kansas City, Mo., thence to California. After three years on the Pacific coast they res. for twelve years in Kansas, and are now living at Brighton, Ill., about forty miles from St. Louis. Mr. Byers has been very successful as a pastor and evangelistic worker, and Mrs. Byers has been his able assistant everywhere. She has been prominently connected with the W. C. T. U. for nearly eighteen years, part of the time as superintendent of state department work. Their children are,—

- (1). William Herman, b. Somerset, Ky., June 5, 1866; m., Dec. 2, 1895, Frances G. Fisher of Newark, N. J.; res. New York city; in telephone business. They have one child, Gardner King, b. Feb. 13, 1897.
- (2). Vernon Clyde, b. Knob Noster, Mo., Feb. 11, 1870; graduated Emporia college, Kansas, studied at McCormick Theological seminary, and graduated from Princeton in 1894; in charge of the church at Pecksville, Pa., until the spring of 1897.

- (3). Mary Josepha, b. Lexington, Mo., May 13, 1872; studied music and painting in connection with the regular college course, in preparation for her work as a teacher.
 - (4). Effie Andrews, b. Lexington, Mo., Feb. 23, 1874; m., Feb. 23, 1897, George B., son of Rev. Dr. Beatty, rector of Episcopal church at Newton, Kan. Mr. Beatty is a commission merchant; res. Chicago.
 - (5). Eda Lois, b. Elko, Nev., July 18, 1876; has taught with marked success, and is first assistant principal in the Brookfield school.
 - (6). Josephine, b. Lawrence, Kan., April 26, 1880; is a student in college.
3. Mary Emeline French, b. Feb. 19, 1845; graduated from Colby academy, and began teaching in New Boston; was connected with schools in N. L., Concord, Chicago, Ill., taught a select school of young ladies in Somerset, Ky., and was afterwards at Knob Noster, Mo., and Chicago; m., July 5, 1870, Clark B. Cochrane of New Boston; res. three years in New Boston, since 1873 at Antrim. Children:
- (1). Mabel, b. May 15, 1871; m., Oct. 1, 1890, Ansel L. Buchanan of Antrim; res. Winchester. Children: (a) Arthur Paul, b. May 10, 1892; (b) Agnes.
 - (2). Robert Boyd, b. Oct. 5, 1872; completed the course of study at Madison university, Wisconsin, in the spring of 1897.
 - (3). Benjamin Randall, b. June 21, 1875; graduated Antrim High school in 1895; res. Hinsdale.
 - (4). Winifred, b. Dec. 31, 1876; graduated Antrim High school in 1896; teaching in Antrim.
 - (5). Julian Mortimer, b. Oct. 8, 1879; is working his way through college at Madison, Wis., as a photographer.
 - (6). Philip Sidney, b. Jan. 21, 1881; is a student in Antrim High school.

AYER, PERLEY.—Perley Ayer, a native of Hampstead, came to N. L. about 1827; was associated with Capt. Marshall Trayne, and later was in company with his brother-in-law, James Todd, in the Woodman store on Summer street. He was an excellent musician, and for a long time played the bass viol in the church choir. His wife was Roxana, eleventh child of James and Unity (Page) Todd, b. Francestown, Sept. 8, 1806. The Ayers removed to Painesville, Ohio, where their children, James and Hamilton, m. and res.

BADGER, STEPHEN C.—Stephen C. Badger, who was a resident of N. L. from 1826 to 1833, was b. in Warner, April 12, 1797; graduated from Dartmouth college in 1823; was admitted to the bar in 1826, when he settled in N. L. and became the pioneer of the legal profession. He res. on Summer street, where he owned a few acres of land, and was postmaster from 1830 to 1834. In 1834 he removed to Concord, where he served as clerk of the courts of Merrimack county and as justice of the Concord police court; d. Oct. 29, 1872. His wife was Miss Sophronia Evans of Warner.

BATTLES, JOSEPH.—The “Battles place” on Morgan hill, now owned by Charles F. Putney, bears but few traces of settlement at the present time, the buildings having been removed thirty years since. In 1839, Joseph Battles brought his family from Fitchburg, Mass., having bought this farm of Charles Jewett. Joseph d. in 1862, aged 90 years; Sarah, his wife, d. Sept. 23, 1851, aged 76 years. Their children, all b. in Massachusetts, were,—

1. Thirza, b. Oct. 30, 1801; m. Samuel Messer [265].
2. Mary, m. William Withy.
3. Sarah, remained in Massachusetts.
4. Clarissa, res. with her parents.
5. Joseph, res. in Fitchburg.
6. Henry A., res. at home; unmarried; d. Dec. 20, 1853, aged 41 years.

BICKFORD, DR. H. C.—Hezekiah Cook was the oldest son of Daniel and Patty (Adams) Bickford [216]. His father had a large family, and there was always plenty of work for the willing hands of the boy. With only a limited education when he at last began his own career, he availed himself eagerly of every opportunity for improvement, and often after a day of arduous toil studied far into the night. After a year's study with Dr. Butler of Newport, R. I., he spent some time with Dr. Ayer of New Hampton, and attended lectures at Dartmouth Medical college. He graduated from Jefferson college, Pennsylvania, in March, 1845, and in April began his professional life in his native town. From the time of his marriage he res. in the General Clough house, which he afterwards sold, together with his practice, to Dr. S. M. Whipple.

In 1851, Dr. Bickford went to Billerica, Mass., where he

gave ten years of hard labor and faithful devotion to the multifarious demands of a country practice. The next fifteen years, which were passed in Charlestown, Mass., brought him the merited success and renown which it was his pleasure to possess. He was honored as a consulting physician, and his daily practice extended to surrounding cities. He was truly a Christian physician, and his pastor's last tribute was words of love and honor for his faithful attendance on the Sunday morning services, even during his busiest days. For twenty years he suffered from a chronic ulcer, and did most of his life work under great physical discomfort, but facing certain death calmly and fearlessly. In 1876 he was obliged to give up his practice, and his last years were spent in Woburn, Mass., where he d. March 26, 1878. Dr. Bickford m. (1), June 17, 1846, Paulina A., dau. of Prescott Coburn of Dracut, Mass., who d. in 1867; m. (2), in 1869, Marcia K. Gray of Billerica, who survives him. Children:

1. George Coburn, b. N. L., March 25, 1847; m., Feb. 28, 1877, Florence Adelaide Stetson of Charlestown, Mass.; res. in Charlestown and N. L.
2. John Truman, b. 1849; d. 1853.
3. Harriet Augusta, b. Billerica, June 20, 1853; m. Rev. F. H. Allen, and res. at Albuquerque, N. M. One child, Harold.
4. Gertrude Maria, b. Charlestown, June 9, 1870; res. with her mother at Woburn Highlands, Mass.

BUGBEE, JONATHAN.—In the early part of the century Pelatiah and Sarah Bugbee, natives of Hartford, Conn., made their way northward through the wilderness, and were among the pioneer settlers of Chelsea, Vt. Out of a large family of children three became residents of N. L.,—Lydia, who m. John Williams, 3d, and Jonathan and Harrison. Jonathan, who came in 1836, was a blacksmith by trade. He built the first house beyond the bridge at Otterville, and had a blacksmith shop on the same side, that was afterwards moved across the road. He m., May, 1837, Miriam Gordon of New Hampton, a cousin of Dr. A. J. Gordon of Boston. Their only child, Alvah K., now res. in Exeter. Harrison res. with Jonathan a few years, went to Hartford, Conn., and accumulated a fortune in "war times," by government contracts in iron goods. His wife was a native of Vermont, and after her death in Philadel-

phia Harrison went to Mexico, and has never been heard from. No children.

BUNKER, ISAAC.—Son of Benjamin and Betsey (Daniels) Bunker [76]. Res. at Scytheville and on Pleasant street. Built the Whittier house at Scytheville, and the G. R. MacFarland house, where he d. June 29, 1860. His first wife, Sally, dau. of Nathaniel Richardson of Candia, d. Nov. 4, 1835. He m. (2), Aug. 29, 1836, Hulda Sargent of Warner, b. June 20, 1805. She d. November, 1859. Isaac was a farmer, miller, and carpenter. His saw-mill at Scytheville was on a site near George Thurston's wood-working shop. Children :

1. Josiah R., b. Nov. 28, 1823; d. Dec. 1, 1823.
2. Emily G., b. March 9, 1825; m., Oct. 31, 1848, George W., son of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent, and res. in N. L.
3. Adelia B., b. Dec. 2, 1826; m., June 10, 1857, Moses Martin of Pittsfield, where they res. Two children, Charles and Carrie, both deceased.
4. Royal Augustus, b. Aug. 29, 1828; m. (1), Aug. 15, 1855, Eunice Palmer of Warner; m. (2), Sept. 13, 1860, Maria A., dau. of Levi R. and Catherine (Fellows) Nichols, and res. in N. L.
5. Maria S., b. July 1, 1830; m., Nov. 22, 1851, Joseph C., son of Isaac and Martha (Stevens) Messer, and res. in N. L.
6. Isaac R., b. June 25, 1832; m., Oct. 8, 1857, Diantha H. Flint, and res. at Scytheville, Ashburnham, Mass., and Greeley, Col. No children.
7. Gilman, b. Aug. 27, 1835; d. Aug. 12, 1856.
8. Daniel S., b. April 26, 1839; d. March 6, 1871; res. at Pittsfield.
9. Louisa S., b. Feb. 13, 1844; m. Albert S. Blackburn in Laramie, Wyo.; res. at Alhambra, Cal. Four children: Clarence (now d.), Ethel Louise, Dura Albert, Grace (now d.).
10. Cyrus A., b. July 23, 1845; was in First New Hampshire Cavalry; m., Sept. 24, 1868, Mary E. Winters; res. at Los Angeles, Cal. Children: Elva, Leslie, Gilman, Clarence Eugene.

BUNKER, JOHN.—Son of Benjamin and Betsey (Daniels) Bunker [76]. Beginning in 1825, Mrs. John Bunker taught several terms of private school in the Henry Putney house on Morgan hill. Removed to New York, thence to Illinois. Children :

1. Constant Storrs, b. March 8, 1827.
2. George A., b. Aug. 14, 1828.
3. Cynthia O., b. March 31, 1831.

BURPEE, ABIAL.—Son of Asa and Mary (Perley) Burpee [77], b. Oct. 1, 1800; m. May 20, 1828, Mary, dau. of Daniel and Rhapsima (Messenger) Woodbury [289]; res. in the Daniel Bickford house. Abial d. Sept. 8, 1842; Mary (Woodbury) Burpee m. (2), March 10, 1852. Micajah, son of John and Phebe (Messer) Morgan (his third wife), and res. in N. L. Children:

1. Martha A. G., b. Nov. 5, 1829; m., July 3, 1849, James C., son of Samuel and Martha (Trayne) Greenwood, and res. in N. L.
2. R. Louise, b. Sept. 20, 1836; m., Oct. 22, 1856, H. Marshall, son of Horatio and Anna (Burpee) Fales, and res. in N. L.
3. James H., b. March 23, 1839; m. Stella Weston of Chester, and res. in N. L. and Medford, Mass. Children:
 - (1). Helen, m. Henry Cobb of Montpelier, Vt.
 - (2). Charles Woodbury.
 - (3). George Weston.

BURPEE, ARTHUR ELBRIDGE.—Elbridge, oldest son of Thomas and Lydia (Blake) Burpee [224], m. in middle life, and res. in the Smiley Bohanan house. He d. Feb. 25, 1888. No children.

BURPEE, BENJAMIN E.—Emery Burpee was the only son of Thomas and Mary (Woodman) Burpee [224], and res. near Gay corner in the Low Plain district. His long life was passed in his native town, of which he was a worthy citizen, happy in the quiet retirement of home. He d. March 31, 1891, aged 80 years; Huldah Almira (Vinton) Burpee d. Aug. 20, 1888, aged 77 years. Children:

1. Adelaide Esther, b. July 23, 1842; m., March 18, 1871, George L. Melendy of Milford, where they res. Adelaide d. June 23, 1883. A son, Jesse, was a member of the class of 1897, Colby academy, and entered Brown university.
2. Helen Sylvia, b. Oct. 18, 1846; d. Feb. 23, 1854.

BURPEE, COL. BENJAMIN P.—Though the later years of his manhood were passed away from his native town, Colonel Burpee is remembered with pride by the fellow-townsmen who knew him in his early prime. Benjamin Pratt Burpee was b. Aug. 27, 1818, the son of Thomas and Lydia (Blake) Burpee

[224]. In the twenty years that he exercised the right of citizenship in N. L., he held every office within the gift of the town, and for three years was a member of the board of commissioners of Merrimack county. In the state militia he began his career as ensign, rising to the command of a regiment. In 1848 he engaged in mercantile business at Sutton, and in 1871 located at Manchester. Everywhere he was a pillar of strength, true to his friends and his convictions, a man whose upright life won him the respect of all. His wife was Martha Jane, dau. of Capt. Samuel and Nancy (Greeley) Carr [225], who d. Oct. 17, 1872. Colonel Burpee d. of heart disease, after an illness of several months, Nov. 1, 1888, at his home in Manchester. Children :

1. Nellie Josephine, b. June 4, 1856; res. at home.
2. Harry Howard, b. Sept. 23, 1858; m., Feb. 25, 1892, Nettie Frances Ainsworth of Manchester; where they res. Child :
(1). Louise Elizabeth, b. Nov. 5, 1894.
3. Hattie Estelle, b. July 27, 1860; m., Aug. 15, 1889, Lonville H. Dyer, attorney, of Portland, Me. Children :
(1). Martha Burpee, b. March 6, 1889.
(2). Marion Greeley, b. Oct. 18, 1891.
(3). Marjorie B., b. Nov. 17, 1893.
(4). Helen, b. Feb. 11, 1895.
4. Jennie Adah, b. Aug. 24, 1862; res. at home.
5. William Byron, b. Sept. 8, 1864; m., April 27, 1887, Mattie Lillian Batchelder of Manchester. Child :
(1). Benjamin Prescott, b. March 20, 1889.
6. Benton P., b. March 7, 1869; d. June 19, 1872.

BURPEE, WESLEY P.—Son of Jeremiah and Betsey (Blake) Burpee [221], b. Dec. 13, 1801; m., Sept. 2, 1824, Lois, dau. of Joseph and Anna (Hooker) Trussell, and res. in N. L. for a few years, before removing to Canaan. Several children were born to them in Canaan, besides a son, b. in N. L. :

1. Marshall, b. Jan. 19, 1826; res. in Canaan.

BUSWELL, CARR.—The Couch house at Otterville was owned in 1843 by Carr Buswell, who res. there until his death, March 27, 1853, aged 56 years.

BUTTERFIELD, JONATHAN C.—Jonathan Butterfield res. in 1845 on the location of Lieut. Ebenezer Shepard [149], about fifteen rods southeast of James E. Shepard's present residence. There was a son, Cummings, and several daus., one of whom,

Martha Jane, m., Nov. 26, 1846, Charles B. Gay of N. L. After the old gentleman's death the family was broken up.

CAMPBELL, JONAH.—A resident of N. L. from 1839 to 1849, on the George Fisher farm at Otterville. Jonah was the son of Phinehas and Susanna (Bowman) Campbell, b. Henniker, March 20, 1796. In 1818 he enlisted in the militia as drummer of the Henniker rifles, the first rifle company formed in the state, and was afterwards drum-major of the regiment. He was proud of his skill with the snare drum, and in company with George Choat, an equally famous fifer, performed at public festivals down to the later years of his life. Jonah removed from N. L. to Hopkinton, where he res. at what is still known as Campbell's corner until his death, May 6, 1880. His first wife was Candace, dau. of Alexander and Betsey Campbell of Henniker, b. Aug. 20, 1806, who d. at the birth of her third child, Sept. 3, 1828. Jonah m. (2) Elizabeth (Jones) Philbrick, dau. of Ezra Jones of N. L. Children :

1. Infant, b. Dec. 8, 1824; d. Dec. 27, 1824.
2. Harvey, b. Jan. 24, 1826; became a woollen manufacturer, and res. in Hopkinton, Contoocook, and Penacook; was town clerk of Hopkinton in 1865-1866, register of deeds for Merrimack county 1871-1873, and deputy secretary of state in 1874. Harvey m., May 26, 1851, Adeline, dau. of Moses Dow. Children :
 - (1). Edwin H., b. 1852; d. 1857.
 - (2). Charles C., b. 1854; d. 1857.
 - (3). Alma E. C., b. April 15, 1861.
3. Infant, b. and d. Sept. 3, 1828.
4. Francis J., b. Feb. 7, 1837.

CARPENTER, REV. MARK.—Rev. Mark Carpenter succeeded Rev. Reuben Sawyer as pastor of the Baptist church in 1844, remaining until 1849. He was b. in Guildford, Vt., Sept. 23, 1802; studied at Amherst college, graduated from Union college in 1829, and from Newton Theological institution in 1833. He was ordained as pastor at Milford, Feb. 12, 1834, and remained there five years, holding an intervening pastorate at Keene before coming to N. L. His work here was characterized by an earnestness of purpose that won him many friends. After leaving N. L. he held a ten years pastorate at Holyoke, Mass., going from thence to Vermont, where his remaining

years were passed. He d. at Townshend, Vt., Nov. 13, 1882. During his residence in New Hampshire he held the offices of trustee, corresponding secretary, vice-president, and president of the Baptist State convention. He was the father of Rev. Charles H. Carpenter, for many years missionary to Burmah.

CHADWICK, DAVID.—Three sons of David and Betsey (Tucker) Chadwick of Sutton were land-owners in N. L. during the third historical period. David, Jr., b. April 21, 1802, res. in the West Part near the Hominy Pot. He m. Sophronia Pressey, b. May 24, 1803. Children :

1. Horace, m. Martha A. Bowles. Children: George E., Emma S., Hattie B., Mattie S.
2. Reuben G., m. Marcia A. Jenkins. Children: Sarah E., Daniel M., George Edward, Marcia E.
3. Amos P., m. Carrie O. Dustin. Child: Bernice.
4. John, is deceased.

CHADWICK, JOHN.—John was the oldest son of David and Betsey (Tucker) Chadwick of Sutton, b. March 30, 1791. He res. on Davis hill, and later in the Otterville district, in the Jonathan George house; d. Nov. 22, 1856. John m. (1), Sept. 30, 1816, Susan, dau. of James Harvey of Sutton, b. March 4, 1796. Susan d. Sept. 13, 1825, leaving two children, and John m. (2), Oct. 24, 1827, her sister Hannah, b. Oct. 7, 1803; d. May 20, 1877. Children :

1. Almira, b. July 29, 1817; d. Sept. 17, 1825.
2. Emmeline, b. Aug. 9, 1822; d. Aug. 30, 1825.
3. Susan M., b. Nov. 7, 1829.

CHADWICK, JOHN LANGDON.—Langdon, the youngest of the three Chadwick brothers, was b. March 4, 1804. He res. opposite his brother John on the "old" Ai Worthen place. His wife was Dorinda Colcord. Their children were,—

1. Daniel George, b. N. L., Oct. 3, 1839; m. (1), Abbie A., dau. of Samuel and Frances Blanchard, and res. in Warner, where Abbie d. Feb. 27, 1867; m. (2), Nov. 18, 1867, Nellie M. Harwood of Hopkinton; removed to Newport in 1869, and opened the first permanent meat-market in that town; was elected selectman in 1878; d. April 25, 1886. Children :
 (1). Francis S., b. April, 1865; d. Aug. 3, 1865.
 (2). Infant dau., b. and d. Feb. 27, 1867.
 (3). George L., b. March 26, 1870.
 (4). Guy D., b. Oct. 8, 1871.

(5). Sophia S., b. March 17, 1873.

(6). Carl A., b. Sept. 21, 1874.

(7). Arthur C., b. Oct. 15, 1879.

(8). Erma G., b. April 3, 1885.

CHASE, JABEZ.—Jabez was the son of Isaac Chase, who res. on the "back road" to Wilmot Flat, nearly opposite Greene French's first location. Jabez came to N. L. in 1823, and res. in several locations. His wife was Mary W. Sewall of Northfield. Children :

1. Thomas, m. Lucada Richardson of Springfield, where he res.
2. Isaac R., m. Adeline Harvey of Springfield, where they res.
3. Harriet, m. Zaccheus, son of Zaccheus and Hannah (Hutchins) Messer [127]; res. in Springfield.
4. Sarah, m. John E. Lull of Concord; res. at Concord.
5. Ann, m. Henry Lull of Concord; res. at Pembroke.
6. Philip S., m., July 19, 1862, Lavinia E. Phelps of N. L.; deceased.
7. Walter, m. Rosy L., dau. of Giles E. Fletcher, and res. in N. L.
8. Caleb, d. Aug. 12, 1852, aged 11 years.
9. Mary Jane, d. young.

CLARK, HORACE.—Horace was the son of Capt. William and Peggy (Mitchell) Clark [227]. He res. with his uncle, Bradley Mitchell, at Wilmot; then in the building where his father had kept store, while improving the house now owned by George Williams. Betsey d. Feb. 11, 1889; Horace d. April 2, 1893. Children :

1. Cyrus B., b. July 31, 1840; d. Wilmot, April 1, 1858.
2. Arabel T., b. May 6, 1844; d. Wilmot, May 3, 1858.
3. Charlie H., b. Nov. 7, 1861; d. March 24, 1862.

An adopted dau., Emily A. Eastman, m., Sept. 7, 1881, George, son of John and Lydia (Bugbee) Williams, and res. in N. L.

CLOUGH, HUGH B.—John and Polly (Boyce) Clough, who in the early part of the century res. for a short time in a log house near the Preston place in the Otterville district, had two sons,—John, b. N. L., 1801, an eminent physician, with a record of a half-century's practice in Enfield and Lebanon, and Hugh Boyce, b. Sunapee, 1802, who became a resident of N. L. in 1840. Polly Boyce was the dau. of Lieut. Robert and Peggy Janet Boyce, of good Scotch-Irish stock from Londonderry, Ireland. Their family Bible, printed in Edinburgh in

1728, is now owned by their great-grandson, Gen. Joseph M. Clough. Lieut. Robert held a commission in the War of the Revolution, was at Bunker Hill, and with Stark at Bennington.

The earliest Clough in this country is the "Jo: Cluff," 22 years of age, among the passengers of the ship *Elizabeth*, which sailed from London in April, 1635. Jo: (John) finally settled in Salisbury, where he d. in 1698. Through Jo: came John, Jr., a grandson Bennoni, and great-grandson Joseph, who had fifteen children. Joseph's youngest child, Jacob, b. 1753, settled in Hopkinton, and is supposed to be the father of the John Clough who m. Polly Boyce.

John Clough, probably of Hopkinton, was a soldier, and d. at Portsmouth, about 1819; Polly d. Enfield, about 1850. With such blood in his veins it is not strange to find Hugh Clough associated with such men as Garrison, Phillips, and Pillsbury in the exciting days of the Anti-Slavery movement, and bringing Frederick Douglass to his home in 1842. Hugh d. at N. L., July 27, 1887, the close of a long and well-spent life. His wife, whom he m. in 1827, was Hannah, dau. of Zaccheus and Hannah (Hutchins) Messer [127], who d. March 14, 1888. Children:

1. Joseph M., b. Sunapee, June 15, 1828; m. (1), Aug. 9, 1849, Abiah, dau. of Charles Bucklin, and res. in Enfield; m. (2), 1874, Cornelia (Smith) Chase, and res. in Manchester and N. L.
2. Hannah A., d. May 4, 1849, aged 14 years, 7 months, 21 days.

COLBY, DANIEL E.—Beginning with Joseph Colby in 1786, a record of more than a hundred years of honorable, sterling citizenship in the town of N. L. may be accredited the Colby family, a record of which the town and family may well be proud. Daniel Everett Colby, of the third generation, was the oldest child of ex-Gov. Anthony Colby [228], and grew up with a strong love for the old homestead in its charming environment of lofty hills and clear lakes gleaming like precious jewels in their emerald setting. Daniel fitted for college at the old Hopkinton academy, and graduated from Dartmouth in the class of 1836. The scythe works were by this time doing a good business, and as a store was needed at the growing village



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his father put up the building near the outlet of Lake Pleasant, and the young merchant opened his store Jan. 1, 1838. For a quarter-century he was a resident of Scytheville, living over the store and in the "Waldermere," and taking an active interest in the scythe works.

When his father, feeble with advancing years, resigned the office of adjutant-general in 1863, the burden fell upon the strong shoulders of his oldest son, and he did yeoman service for the cause of Freedom in this arduous position until March, 1864. He removed to the homestead on Colby hill in 1871, freeing his father from the cares of business, and there passed his remaining years, loved and honored by his fellow-citizens, serving his townsmen in public office and as a valued and trusted counselor in all legal matters. In his married life Mr. Colby was particularly happy, and for more than a half-century enjoyed the companionship of the wife of his youth. Martha (Greenwood) Colby is the dau. of Samuel Greenwood [251], a capable, energetic woman whose fourscore years sit lightly upon her. She was carefully educated at New Hampton and the famous Emma Willard school for girls, and taught in the New London academy in the early years of its institution. In the church work and social life of the town she has always borne a prominent part, and still dispenses the old-time hospitality at the Colby homestead. Daniel Colby d. May 31, 1891. Children :

1. A son, b. July 30, 1845 ; d. Aug. 4, 1845.
2. Anthony, b. June 27, 1848 ; d. Sept. 24, 1868. Anthony was a young man of scholarly tastes ; graduated from Colby academy in 1867, and entered Dartmouth college in September of that year. His health failed rapidly, and after two terms at Dartmouth he was obliged to give up his studies, dying six months later of consumption. His early death was a heavy blow to the family, for he bade fair to uphold the honor of the name he bore.

CRAFT, GEORGE W.—George Washington, the first of the Craft family in N. L., was a descendant in the sixth generation of Lieut. Griffin and Alice Craft, who settled in Roxbury, Mass., in 1630, having sailed from England with Winthrop's party of colonists. A remarkably complete history of the American family, compiled by James M. and William F. Crafts,

was published in 1893, and furnished the data for those members of the family who res. at different periods in this town. George Washington was the twelfth child of Samuel and Esther (Jewett) Craft of Westford, Mass., b. March 9, 1800. Samuel was in Capt. Timothy Underwood's company of minute-men, was in the fight at Concord and Lexington, April 19, 1775, and was also at Bunker Hill.

George W. m., Feb. 13, 1823, Nancy, dau. of Enoch and Mary (Canfield) Collins of Springfield, b. Salisbury, Jan. 8, 1799, and settled in N. L. About 1834 he removed to Springfield, returning later to N. L. He was a farmer, and had his home in his later years on the Elder Seamans place, where he d. Dec. 8, 1878, a man who enjoyed the confidence of his fellow-townsmen for his strict integrity in all transactions. His widow d. at the home of her dau., Susan (Craft) Craig, of Somerville, Mass., Aug. 24, 1890. Nancy (Collins) Craft was a woman of remarkably lovable disposition, whose strong Christian principles seemed always to order her every-day life. She retained her faculties to a wonderful extent up to the time of her death, taking an active interest in all the affairs of the day. She had a fine memory, and her remembrance of past events was accurate and entertaining. Children :

1. Benjamin P., b. N. L., Dec. 27, 1823; never m.; enlisted in the Thirteenth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and re-enlisted in the One Hundred Second regiment; was severely wounded at the battle of Spottsylvania Court House, May 5, 1864, and d. May 12, 1864.
2. Emily Collins, b. Ashby, Mass., Nov. 3, 1825; d. Feb. 13, 1838.
3. George Washington, b. N. L., July 18, 1827; m., Sept. 1, 1854, Miriam R. Page of Sutton; res. in N. L.
4. Nancy Collins, b. Aug. 26, 1829; d. Dec. 15, 1831.
5. Frances Jane, b. Nov. 13, 1831; d. March 3, 1833.
6. Nancy Jane, b. Springfield, April 14, 1834; d. April 26, 1837.
7. Enos Collins, b. Feb. 9, 1836; m., Oct. 10, 1863, Sarah Elizabeth, dau. of Greene and Peace M. (Chase) Johnson of Henniker, b. March 16, 1844. Enos learned the hosiery trade with his father-in-law, then of Wilmot, and afterwards was in the livery stable business at Bristol. Failing health induced him to try a change of climate, and he d. in Kansas,

March 6, 1870. His widow m. (2), June, 1872, Benjamin G., son of Milton and Zillah (Gay) Everett, and res. in N. L. Enos Craft's children were,—

- (1). An infant, b. Aug. 13, 1866; d. Aug. 14, 1866.
- (2). Harry Preston, b. N. L., Feb. 15, 1868; d. Somerville, Mass., Jan. 21, 1887. He was attending the Somerville High school, and had he lived would have graduated with high honors in the class of 1887. An affectionate, upright, and earnest young man.
8. Susan Elizabeth, b. Oct. 22, 1839; m., Nov. 24, 1864, Isaac Somers, son of John and Mary (Kittredge) Craig of Bedford, b. Aug. 23, 1836. Mr. Craig is a machinist by trade, and a partner in the C. A. Walker Machine Co., of Boston, Mass. Mrs. Craig took an active interest in the publication of the Craft history, and was of great assistance to the compilers. They res. in Somerville, Mass., and have no children. 4588
9. Ephraim, b. Oct. 16, 1841; unmarried; was for fourteen years the efficient station agent at Forest Hills, Mass., on the Boston & Providence R. R.; now res. at N. L.

COPP, DR. ROBERT S.—Dr. Copp began practice in N. L. about 1830, and remained five years; res. in the George Williams house on Summer street. Three children of Robert S. and Lydia M. Copp are buried in the village cemetery:

1. Frances J., d. Feb. 29, 1832, aged 3 years.
2. Sarah A., d. Dec. 22, 1830, aged 3 months, 16 days.
3. James N. B., d. May 21, 1832, aged 6 months.

CROSS, RICHARD GREELEY.—Greeley Cross settled in N. L. in 1835, and lived for some time in the "old" Amos Hastings house at the West Part. Later he res. in the Jewett house on Burpee hill, near his brother-in-law, David Towle. His wife was Anna, dau. of Isaac and Nancy (Pillsbury) Towle of Francestown, b. Sept. 4, 1795. Anna d. in N. L., Aug. 15, 1864. Child:

1. Sarah A., b. 1825; m., Nov. 11, 1847, Lewis, son of Christopher and Mary Phillips; res. in N. L.

CURRIER, AMOS BAILEY.—Amos was the son of John and Sarah (Stevens) Currier [234]. His wife, Dolly M., was the dau. of Aaron and Abigail (March) Young [292]. For a while after their marriage they res. on the Rowell place on Davis hill. Later Amos built the substantial residence in the West

Part now used as a summer home by Miss Maria Whitney of Boston. After his death, Aug. 9, 1889, his widow res. with her niece, Mrs. Arthur Holmes, on Davis hill, where she d. Aug. 25, 1894. Child:

1. Ella Frances, b. April 18, 1850; d. of consumption, Oct. 13, 1877.

CURRIER, NATHANIEL.—Beginning with 1829, Nathaniel Currier owned the carding-mill at Otterville for five years, the mill passing to Enoch Gordon in 1834.

DAVIS, ADAM.—Adam Davis, who succeeded to the Ebenezer Sargent farm at Davis (Bucklin's) corner, was a native of Sutton, coming to N. L. in 1833. He was the oldest child of Jonathan and Lucy (Parker) Davis, b. Nov. 10, 1793. His first wife was Polly, dau. of Edmund and Susanna Flint of Amherst and Mont Vernon, whom he m. in 1815. They res. in Sutton, and had one dau., Lucy. Polly d. July 29, 1832, and Adam m. (2), Jan. 1, 1833, Laura, dau. of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent [127], and removed to N. L. Adam d. Feb. 11, 1875; Laura d. July 29, 1890. Children:

1. Lucy P., b. Aug. 2, 1824; m., March 5, 1850, Henry W., son of Joseph and Anna (Sargent) Putney, and res in N. L.
2. Plooma, b. May 14, 1835; was a successful school teacher; had a severe attack of typhoid fever, which affected her reason; drowned herself Oct. 6, 1858.
3. Augusta Maria, b. May 21, 1839; unmarried; res. in N. L.

DAVIS, HIRAM.—Hiram was the son of Enoch and Betsey (Brocklebank) Davis [236]; res. in the George Knight house. Hiram d. Hanover, Feb. 8, 1885. Children:

1. Willard E., b. July 19, 1833; m. Eliza Trumbull, and moved to Hanover, where his mother, 88 years of age, res. with him in 1895. Two children.
2. Adelaide, b. Jan. 5, 1838; m. Mark Poor, whose acquaintance she made while both were students at the New London academy; res. in Virginia, where they had one child, who d. young.

DAVIS, CAPT. STEPHEN.—In 1825, Captain Davis res. on the George Hayes place at the foot of Burpee hill. He m. (1) Judith, dau. of Abner and Judith (Sargent) Whittier [166], b. Jan. 12, 1802. Judith d. in the George Hayes house, June 18,

1854, and Stephen m. (2) the widow of Jonathan Loverin. Mrs. Davis d. July 27, 1868; Stephen d. Jan. 31, 1881. No children.

DODGE, AMOS.—In 1835, Amos Dodge and Luther McCutchins were in partnership in the store now owned by E. J. Wells. Mr. Dodge was a native of New Boston, b. Aug. 15, 1813. He had the elements of ability and integrity which make the successful merchant, and after a few years removed to Concord and became a member of the firm of Humphrey & Dodge, hardware dealers whose name and reputation were familiar to the farmers of New Hampshire for a quarter-century. Amos Dodge m., Oct. 26, 1841, Emily Gates, dau. of Daniel M. and Rachel (Clement) Everett [239], who d. at Concord, Sept. 30, 1871. Children:

1. Howard A., b. Feb. 5, 1843; hardware merchant; m. and res. in Concord. Children: Amos, Frances.
2. Clara A., b. June 9, 1845; m. Mr. Warner; res. Jackson, Mich. Four children.
3. George A. W., b. Jan. 21, 1847; m., and res. in Jackson, Mich. Two children.
4. Roger E., b. Jan. 9, 1849; m., and res. in Concord and Manchester. Two children.
5. Waldo S., b. Jan. 7, 1851; d. Concord, Nov. 23, 1879.
6. Kirk W., b. Nov. 5, 1852; in business at Hyde Park, Mass.; m., and has one child.
7. Mary E., b. Nov. 1, 1854; m. Fred Reed, a successful Concord merchant. Children: Margaret, Dorothy.
8. Jessie A., b. July 17, 1860; m. George A. Fernald, a Boston broker. Four children.
9. Jennie H., b. Feb. 6, 1863; m. Oliver Williams of Boston; d. Winchester, Mass., March 14, 1893.

DOLE, JACOB.—The Dole family who were the earliest known residents on the Fitzgerald place in the Scytheville district, came here about 1825. After a time the buildings burned, and Jacob rebuilt, then sold to Caleb Ray. Mrs. Dole, who d. June 20, 1872, was 99 years old. Children:

1. Jacob, Jr., res. on the Anthony Philbrick place, in Springfield, then for a few years in the Adelbert Messer house; removed to Wilmot and d. there.
2. Nathaniel, never m.; d. in Wilmot.

3. Daniel, m., and had a son Jacob, who was brought up by General McCutchins. Jacob m. Harriet, dau. of Jesse Baker, and res. in Franklin. They have a son, Charlie.
4. Noyes.
5. Sally, never m.; res. in Wilmot, and d. there.
6. A dau., who m. ——— Harriman.

EMERSON, HIRAM.—Hiram Emerson, son of Jonathan and Polly (Collins) Emerson of Newport, b. Weare, May 7, 1813, came to N. L. in 1837, and built the Jacob Todd house. He was a blacksmith by trade, and had a shop just above the Fred Fowler house, near the Balm of Gilead tree. His father, Jonathan Emerson, res. for about three years in the Frank Todd house, and his youngest sister, Lucena, m. Oren T., son of John and Abigail Hayes [255]. Hiram returned to Newport, and in 1856 removed to Lebanon. He m., Oct. 5, 1837, Lydia K., eldest dau. of Hon. Jeremiah D. Nettleton of Newport, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Oren Tracy. Oct. 5, 1897, this worthy couple celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage at their home in Lebanon, where they are much esteemed. Children:

1. Zilpha E., b. Dec. 15, 1838; d. May 7, 1840.
2. Fannie A., b. March 22, 1841; m., April 10, 1863, Edwin Harris; res. St. Johnsbury, Vt.
3. Willie, b. March 7, 1843; d. March 27, 1843.
4. Z. Elizabeth, b. Oct. 19, 1844; m., March 25, 1868, Grafton Griggs; d. Rutland, Vt., May 1, 1870.
5. Ellen B., b. May 22, 1847; m., July 6, 1871, Harvey H. Carter; res. at Holyoke, Mass.
6. Edwin B., twin to Ellen B.; m., July 6, 1871, Mary L. Parsons; res. at Salisbury.
7. Marietta E., b. April 18, 1852; d. April 21, 1852.
8. Frederick H., b. Feb. 2, 1857; res. at Lebanon.

EVERETT, JONATHAN G.—Jonathan, oldest son of Capt. Milton and Zillah (Gay) Everett [242], res. at Scytheville, and built the Everett Messer cottage. His first wife, Mary Ann, who d. Jan. 12, 1872, was the dau. of Levi and Mary (Adams) Harvey [108], and the mother of his children. His second wife was the widow of Caleb Cheney. Jonathan d. March 3, 1877. Children:



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1. Charles A., b. Oct. 31, 1843; m., July 22, 1866, Angelina G. White of Lynn, Mass., then music teacher at Colby academy; res. in N. L.
2. Ann M., b. Feb. 19, 1845; d. April 24, 1850.
3. Mary J., b. 1854; d. Oct. 14, 1864.

EVERETT, LEVI, JR.—Levi, Jr., youngest son of Lieut. Levi and Lucy (Titus) Everett [95], m. Rachel Merritt of Sunapee. They had no children. Levi d. in the Albert Hunting house, Jan. 17, 1853.

FALES, HORATIO.—Horatio was the son of Nathaniel and Mary (Everett) Fales [98]. He res. on Burpee hill in the Jewett house, and later bought the Fred Farwell farm; was a carpenter and builder, and framed most of the houses now standing on Burpee hill. Horatio d. Oct. 9, 1877. His wife, Anna, dau. of Lieut. Thomas Burpee [79], d. May 6, 1880. Children:

1. Martha A., b. Jan. 26, 1826; m., May 20, 1851, John, son of Jonathan Russell.
2. Abby Maria, b. February, 1828; d. Nov. 19, 1844.
3. H. Marshall, b. Dec. 31, 1833; m., Oct. 22, 1856, R. Louise, dau. of Abial and Mary (Woodbury) Burpee; res. in N. L.

FISHER, LOWELL.—Later information regarding the Lowell Fisher given in the list of land-owners on *p.* 292, establishes him as the son of Abner and Sophia (Hibbard) Fisher of Francestown, b. Nov. 8, 1786; m., June 24, 1813, Betsey Wilkins of Deering. He came to N. L. in 1817, and res. near Little Sunapee, in the house later occupied by William, son of Zacheus Messer, and also at Otterville on the Trow place. Lowell d. in N. L.

FITTS, NATHAN.—Nathan Fitts came to N. L. about 1833, and first occupied a set of buildings on the Otterville road, a little north of the Davis hill road. These were burned in 1835, and Nathan then built the John Messer house. He also built the store at Otterville. Nathan had two sons, Christopher Columbus and Isaac, and a dau., Sarah.

FLANDERS, WALTER P.—Walter Powers Flanders, son of Ezra and Lucy (Harriman) Flanders, was b. in Warner. March 29, 1805. In his early childhood the family removed to Haverhill, where his education was begun. But that recognition of learning as the highest source of power, which has

wrought such grand results in New England, led him to aspire to something beyond the district school. Years of struggle, self-denial, and self-support enabled him to graduate with honor at Dartmouth in 1831. He studied law with Judge Nesmith in Franklin, and was admitted to the bar in 1834.

Mr. Flanders m., Sept. 23, 1834, Susan Everett, youngest dau. of Jonathan and Polly (Shepard) Greeley [105], and this town became their home. For fourteen years Mr. Flanders had an extended practice throughout the state, and no record of the New Hampshire Bar of this time would be complete without a tribute to his legal acumen and foresight, his resistless energy, and his power as an advocate. He was in active sympathy with the Anti-Slavery movement, receiving as personal guests Frederick Douglass, George Latimer, and others. This fact alone would serve to mark Mr. Flanders as a man of resolute character, of strong impulses, and fearless action, for the bloodless battles of Anti-Slavery days were forerunners of the later bitter conflict.

In 1848, Mr. Flanders removed with his family to Milwaukee, Wis., where through a long and honored life he was prominently identified with public affairs, with the extension of railway systems, and with educational interests. His death occurred Jan. 24, 1883; and his wife, Susan (Greeley) Flanders, a woman of rare mental endowments and singularly beautiful character, d. May 10, 1888. Children:

1. Mrs. William Alvin Bartlett, now deceased.
2. Mrs. Josiah Reed, of South Weymouth, Mass.
3. Mrs. E. Everett Holbrook, of Holbrook, Mass.
4. James G. Flanders, of Milwaukee, Wis.
5. Mrs. Samuel Bourne Duryea, of Brooklyn, N. Y.

FRENCH, AUSBON.—The house just east of the fair ground, one of the oldest in town, is the Ausbon French place, the home of Joseph Colby before his removal to the hill in 1800. Ausbon came to N. L. about 1841, and his father, who lived with him, a few years later. He was the son of Benjamin and Prudence (Gould) French of Hopkinton, b. Feb. 12, 1814, the eighth in a family of nine children. Prudence d. at Thornton; Benjamin d. at N. L., Jan. 17, 1857. Ausbon m., December, 1834, Emily, dau. of Samuel and Sally (Eaton) Eaton of Hopkinton. In life the interests of his family always came first, and all his

children were educated at Colby academy. After his death, Aug. 21, 1873, his widow res. with her dau., Emily, where she d. March 7, 1895. Children:

1. Sarah M., b. Hopkinton, April 8, 1836; m., March 31, 1860, William E. Woodward of Andover and Franklin. They have one child, Edna Gertrude.
2. Sylvander A., b. Feb. 25, 1838; m. at Danbury, Sept. 16, 1860, Maria Farwell; res. at Scytheville, working in the scythe shops; later was in livery business at Newport, and now res. in Sunapee. Children: Fred, who d. at 11 years, George, Eva May, Florence.
3. Emily Maria, b. N. L., Aug. 16, 1841; m., Sept. 12, 1862, Ransom F., son of Seth Freeman and Polly (Adams) Sargent, and res. in N. L.
4. Catherine P., b. June 2, 1843; was a school teacher; d., unmarried, Nov. 29, 1871.
5. Jonathan G., b. Aug. 10, 1845; m. at Windsor, Vt., Dec. 11, 1869, Luella George; res. at Haverhill, Mass. Their only child d. young.
6. Loramann A., b. Oct. 23, 1851; m., at Wilmot, May 16, 1874, Kate McKenzie; res. at Proctorsville, Vt. One child, Fay Eaton.

GATES, HENRY R.—Henry R., second son of John and Emily (Everett) Gates [249], was three years old when his father settled in N. L., and for eighty-one years he dwelt within the borders of the town. An honest, industrious citizen, devoted to his family and friends, he was a man whose memory will long be cherished by his fellow-townsmen. In his earlier years he worked in the Colby mills at Scytheville. He d. at the homestead on the Hutchins road, March 20, 1896; Jemima (Williams) Gates, b. Nov. 8, 1810, d. July 24, 1896. Children:

1. Mary Emily, b. March 4, 1838; graduated from New London academy in 1857, taught in New Hampshire, Kentucky, and California; m., in Sacramento, Cal., July 8, 1863, Daniel S. Hayden, a native of Eastport, Me. Child:
(1). Alden Gates, b. May 17, 1864; d. August, 1868.
2. Arabella Maria Belle, b. Feb. 14, 1840; was an artist, whose life was given to her chosen work, and the many charming views in her native town and its vicinity transferred to canvas by her skilful touch, are cherished mementoes of an all too brief yet beautiful life; d. July 16, 1871.

3. Messinger Everett, b. July 6, 1843; was in the fulling-mill at Scytheville when it burned in 1859, and narrowly escaped death; went to California at the age of 19, enlisted in the Seventh California volunteers, and was stationed near the Mexican frontier. Returning to Sacramento, he entered the office of the Pacific Railroad company, and has been in their employ for thirty years. He is also interested in some gold mines in Amador county, California, and spends his vacations there. He m., July 12, 1870, Jennie, dau. of Louis Messinger of Brooklyn, N. Y. Children:

(1). Louis Ronald, b. Aug. 25, 1873; d. March 18, 1874.

(2). Harry Everett, b. April 13, 1875; res. Sacramento.

4. Frances Henrietta, b. Jan. 11, 1847; was postmistress at Scytheville in 1866; educated at Colby academy, giving special attention to music, for which she has unusual gifts. After her return from teaching in the West she gave a daughter's tender care to her parents, while still continuing her musical work. She has been the faithful, efficient organist at the village church for many years, and an earnest worker in the Sunday school; was music teacher at Colby academy for several years, and now teaches music in the public schools. Frances Gates m., Aug. 20, 1873, Otto Keil of Laramie, Wyoming. Child:

(1). Ralph Henry, b. July 18, 1874; graduated at Colby academy in 1894; m., April 10, 1897, Elizabeth N., dau. of Nelson and Maroa (Harvey) Todd, of N. L.; res. in N. L.

5. John Henry, b. Nov. 23, 1851; d. Sept. 4, 1852.

GAY, ASA.—Asa, second son of William and Abigail (Carpenter) Gay [102], inherited the homestead, all the years of a long and useful life being spent on the farm where he was born. Asa d. March 18, 1867; Susan (Morrill) Gay d. Aug. 9, 1887. Children:

1. Oren D., b. Feb. 7, 1839; unmarried; res. at the homestead with his brother.
2. Louisa M., b. May 24, 1841; d. Sept. 23, 1854.
3. Ann Maria, b. May 11, 1843; m. Nov. 10, 1892, Levi Sanborn; res. in N. L.
4. Abby F., b. Dec. 13, 1845; m., July 15, 1875, Varnum H. Flagg; res. at Littleton, Mass. They have Charles V., Louisa E., Edith M., Wallace L.
5. Charles W., b. Feb. 10, 1847; m., Dec. 23, 1874, Anna M., dau. of Samuel N. Wood of Lowell, Mass.; res. in N. L.



FRANCES (GATES) KEIL.

GAY, BENJAMIN W.—Benjamin, son of Seth and Mary (Morrill) Gay [100], was b. on the Gilman Smith place, near the Springfield and N. L. line. When he bought the Moses Adams farm he lived for several years in the house built by Moses Adams, Sr., which stood quite a distance north of the present "Glengae." He afterwards built the house since enlarged and improved by Capt. Baxter Gay, and d. there Nov. 5, 1882. His widow Sarah, dau. of Isaac and Martha (Stevens) Messer [263], res. with her son on the homestead, an exemplary Christian whose active, kindly ministrations to her family and neighbors mark the true womanly nature. Children:

1. Oliver, b. April 10, 1838; m. (1), April 18, 1861, Mary A. Beatty; m. (2), April 22, 1879, Ella C. Drew; res. 194 Magnolia street, Boston. No children.
2. Sarah Roxanna, b. Aug. 21, 1839; d. N. L., March 15, 1863.
3. Seth Manley, b. May 16, 1841; m., Nov. 26, 1867, Emma F. Ricker; res. in Cambridge, Mass., and Hooksett; d. N. L., July 31, 1872. Child:
 - (1). Robert M., b. Oct. 10, 1868; m. Maggie Fuller of Cambridge, Mass., where he res.
4. Baxter, b. Aug. 22, 1851; m., Dec. 25, 1873, Anna, dau. of Lendon and Lucy (Morrill) Brown of Wilmot, b. March 19, 1855; res. in N. L.

GAY, CHARLES B.—Charles B. Gay was the son of David and Asenath (Davis) Gay [250], though unintentionally omitted from his father's record. He m., Nov. 26, 1846, Martha Jane, dau. of Jonathan R. Butterfield [332], and res. in the Frank P. Sargent house, which was probably built by his father, who d. at Newport, Sept. 20, 1874. Charles removed to Concord.

GAY, IJA.—Ija, youngest son of William and Abigail (Carpenter) Gay [102], soon after his marriage removed to Charlestown, Mass., where he d. Sept. 27, 1887, leaving two sons and two daus. Ija was a man of rugged frame, a hard worker, and of strict uprightness.

GLIDDEN, SAMUEL.—Beginning with 1844, Samuel Glidden was a citizen of N. L. for several years, and res. on the Frank Todd place at Todd corner. Samuel d. in Webster, at the home of his son Charles.

GORDON, ENOCH.—The cloth factory started by Jedediah Sabin at Otterville was next owned by Nathaniel Currier, then by Enoch Gordon, who came to N. L. about 1834. Sabin had made broadcloth, but his successors discarded the weaving and dressed cloth and carded rolls. Enoch left town after a time, then returned and carried on a general store in partnership with Joshua Hemphill in the building erected by Nathan Fitts. Enoch's father, Eliphalet, res. with him.

GOVE, SAMUEL.—The farm known as the "Gove place," which lies along the Wilmot line, takes its name from Samuel Gove, who came to N. L. in 1823. After his death, Aug. 16, 1853, aged 55 years, the place passed to his son Joseph, who rented it as long as the buildings were inhabitable. The farm is now taxed to him as non-resident. Samuel Gove and his wife, Martha Greeley of Wilmot, had,—

1. David, b. Dec. 16, 1822; m. Angeline Smith; res. in Methuen, Mass.
2. Joseph C., b. N. L., April 8, 1826; m. Melissa Teal of Wilmot, where he res.
3. Merrill W., b. Feb. 24, 1828; m. Addie Ham; res. in Wakefield.

HALL, BENJAMIN.—See Hannah, dau. of Benjamin and Betsey (Daniels) Bunker [76].

HARTFORD, MRS. MARY.—After the death of Greene French [245] in 1843, his real estate on Colby hill was divided among his heirs, Mary, the oldest dau., receiving 95 acres; and thereafter she res. with her children at the homestead. She lived to a great age, and retained her faculties in a remarkable degree to the last. Mary d. Dec. 13, 1885. A part of the property, including the Greene French house, is now owned by a granddaughter, Mrs. James B. Royce of Washington, D. C., who uses it as a summer home. The children of Mary (French) (Knowlton) Hartford were,—

1. Emmeline B. Knowlton, m. Sylvander French and res. in Pembroke, where she d.
2. Lydia F. Hartford, b. Nov. 2, 1825; m., June 27, 1844, John, son of James Stinson [284], and removed to Springfield. Lydia afterwards res. with her mother in N. L., and since then in Waltham, Mass. Children:

- (1). Edward, b. N. L. Dec. 8, 1845; enlisted in Fifth N. H. V., Sept. 21, 1861; wounded at Gettysburg, and d. Aug. 1, 1863.

- (2). Henry, b. Goffstown, Feb. 7, 1847; enlisted in Eleventh N. H. V., and served till the war closed; afterwards served five years in the regular army. Henry m. Louise Stewart, and d. in Chehalis, Washington, May 7, 1897. Children: Clarence, Eddie, Leith.
- (3). Ellen C., b. Aug. 8, 1849; m., Nov. 7, 1883, James B. Royce, of the Paymaster-General's department, Washington, D. C.; res. in Washington, with a summer home at N. L. Child: (a) Lillian, b. Sept. 28, 1884.
- (4). Fronie, b. June 7, 1853; m. Frederick T. Wilson. Children: Charlie, Harry, Nellie.
3. Sophronia Hartford, b. 1827; m. Nathaniel P. Conant of Peabody, Mass.; d. Chicago, about 1894. Children:
 - (1). Emma, b. April 29, 1847; m. Samuel Appleton of Haverhill, Mass.; d. Chicago, 1890. Child: Edward.
 - (2). Eliza, b. March 16, 1849; m. Benjamin W. Josselyn of Boston, Mass. Children: Edward, Mabel, Clarence.

HASKINS, ASA L.—Eli Haskins, b. Nov. 21, 1759, and Rhoda Drake his wife, b. April 30, 1758, both natives of Taunton, Mass., settled in Grafton. Their children were,—I. Rebecca, b. March 28, 1791; m. William Hill and res. in Grafton. II. Rhoda, b. Dec. 31, 1792; m. Richard Everett [242], and res. in N. L. III. Samuel, b. Jan. 22, 1795; m. Harriet Cushing, a relative of Dr. John Cushing; was a physician; res. in Lyman (where his father and mother d.), and brought up a large family of unusually intelligent children. IV. Eli, Jr., b. Nov. 19, 1797; went West, and m.; then returned to Maine, where he owned a township on which one year 6,300 bushels of wheat were raised; res. in Oldtown, and had six children. V. William, b. April 10, 1800; m. Nancy, dau. of Colonel Pillsbury of Danbury; res. in Grafton, and had five children. VI. Phebe, b. Sept. 12, 1803; m. Samuel, son of Ebenezer and Sally (Burpee) Shepard [152], and res. in N. L. VII. Asa L., b. Sept. 15, 1806; m. Lucy Ann Collins, and res. in N. L. VIII. Allen, b. March 27, 1809; m. Nancy, dau. of Hezekiah Adams [215].

Asa L., the seventh child of Eli, res. for a short time after his marriage in Grafton, then removed to Springfield, and res. on the old road above A. J. Kidder's five years. In 1835 he came to N. L., living first on the Benjamin Everett place at Scytheville. After a while he purchased the Henry Longley

farm, erected the present set of buildings, and res. there twelve years. His first wife d. at N. L., Oct. 25, 1847, in her 39th year, and Asa m. (2), July 8, 1848, Betsey Latimer of Newport, who in 1896 was living in Grafton. Asa's last years were passed in his native town, where he d. Dec. 9, 1884. He was a blacksmith by trade, and had a shop wherever he located, for he was an industrious workman. Children:

1. Jonathan C., b. April 1, 1830; never m.; d. in Wisconsin, July 22, 1856.
2. Evan G., b. Dec. 8, 1831; m. (1), June, 1857, Roxanna, dau. of Col. Samuel Tenney of Wilmot, and res. in Grafton. Roxanna d. about 1865, and Evan m. (2), August, 1867, Frances Morgan of Manchester. Children by Frances: Evan E., Gay, Mary.
3. Rhoda E., b. Sept. 18, 1833; m., November, 1860, John M. Carr of Wilmot; is deceased, with no surviving children.
4. Moses H., b. July 17, 1835; m., July 20, 1856, Mary A., dau. of Johnson and Mary (White) Rolfe; res. in N. L.
5. Nancy P., b. Oct. 30, 1837; m., April 14, 1860, Alonzo F. Dolloff, and moved to Aroostook county, Me.; now res. in New Hampton. No children.
6. Eliza J., b. Jan. 10, 1839; m., Nov. 28, 1861, John Jones; res. in N. L.
7. William S., b. March 21, 1842; m., March 22, 1865, Rachel E., dau. of Benjamin Fiske; res. in Grafton; d. 1892. Children: Bessie, Herman, Lyman, Katie, Lou,—all living.
8. Helen M., b. Jan. 7, 1844; m., July 4, 1864, Frank Flanders of Wilmot, where they res.; d. Nov. 11, 1868. No children.
9. Allen C., b. March 31, 1846; enlisted Dec. 23, 1861; mustered in as corporal of Company H, Eighth N. H. V.; wounded April 12, 1863, at Bisland, La.; d. disease, Aug. 26, 1863, at New Orleans, La. Allen was among the three-months men who enlisted at the outbreak of the Civil War, serving in Company K, First N. H. V., when but fifteen years of age.

HAYES, GEORGE W. F.—George, son of James and Olive (Fuller) Hayes [254], established himself after marriage on the westerly side of Lake Pleasant, in the "Amos Parker house," which had been moved from Morgan hill by Governor Colby. The young farmer prospered, and in a few years purchased the "Mills place," between Morgan and Bunker hills,

now unoccupied. A few years ago the barn was struck by lightning, and burned, together with a flock of sheep that had sought shelter from the storm. George was a worthy citizen of his native town, a sturdy descendant of a pioneer ancestor. His wife, Louisa K. Morrill, was a sister of Mrs. Asa Gay, and d. at Lowell, Mass., September, 1840. George m. (2), Feb. 16, 1850, Cyrilla H., dau. of Seth Freeman Sargent. George d. Feb. 5, 1888; Cyrilla d. Sept. 7, 1886. Children:

1. Willie M., b. Sept. 8, 1850; m., October, 1875, Nellie, dau. of Dennis Lorden of Salisbury. Willie d. Salisbury, Feb. 23, 1878, and Mrs. Hayes m. (2) Henry Blaisdell, and res. in Concord. Child:
(1). Ellen Cyrilla, b. Nov. 30, 1876; res. in Concord.
2. James F., b. Dec. 29, 1858; m., Dec. 20, 1885, Annie M., dau. of Charles C. Pingree; res. in N. L.
3. Charles R., b. Nov. 3, 1861; m., Sept. 9, 1889, Eva V. (Chick) Everett of Manchester, where he res. Children:
(1). Grace Weston, b. March 3, 1896.
(2). Phila May, b. Oct. 1, 1897.
4. George, b. April 10, 1866; m., Feb. 18, 1893, Alice E., dau. of Lieut. Frank P. Messer; res. in N. L.
5. Archie M., b. March 20, 1871; m., Dec. 23, 1896, Annie M. Jordan; res. in N. L.

HAYNES, JONATHAN B.—Came to N. L. in 1837; was a shoemaker, and the first known occupant of the Alston Brown house at the Hominy Pot. His oldest son, Jewett Smith Haynes, owned the place in 1850. The sons of Jonathan who paid a poll tax for a short time in the '50s, were Benjamin C., Andrew J., William H. Elizabeth B. Haynes m., March 27, 1850, John O. Bartlett. John Haynes m. Mary Marilla, dau. of Dea. John Morse of Newbury. Charlotte, the youngest of the family, m. Thomas Craig and removed to Wisconsin.

HEATH, LEWIS A. W.—Lewis followed his father, Moses Heath [255], on the John Colby farm, and afterwards removed to the West. His oldest dau., Isabelle Adelaide, m. Nathaniel Moulton; the three younger children were Bessie, Frank, Nellie.

HEMPHILL, JOSHUA D.—Joshua Hemphill, son of Ebenezer and Laura (Warde) Hemphill of Henniker, b. July 22, 1812, became a citizen of N. L. in 1840. He purchased the saw- and

grist-mill at Otterville, and was also interested in the general store at the bridge. Later he exchanged the Otterville property with Stephen Woodward for the Deacon Littlefield place, and purchased a half-interest in the Woodward saw-mill on Big brook. His wife Phylana, dau. of Jesse and Irene (Merrill) Dow [239], d. July 27, 1856, and Joshua m. (2), Oct. 19, 1857, Susan S. Little of Grantham. In 1869 he removed to Grantham, where he served as selectman, town treasurer, and representative. Children:

1. Sarah J., b. Dec. 22, 1843; m. F. B. Camp.
2. Irene W., b. June 12, 1846.
3. Aurora W., b. Oct. 28, 1850; m. G. W. Dunbar.

HERRICK, DEA. JOSEPH C.—For three generations the name of Herrick has been respected in this town because of the strict uprightness of the men who bore it, men of true worth and strong character, who left their stamp upon public life in the trust that they inspired. Joseph, oldest son of Capt. Jonathan Herrick [256], succeeded his father at the homestead on Colby hill, the “tavern” of a half-century ago. He was a man of marked personality, energetic and purposeful, diligent about the Master’s business, and careful for all. For nearly sixty years he was an active, consistent Christian, and for forty years served as deacon with his life-long friend, Micajah Morgan. At the close of forty years’ service they were retired at their own request, and held the office of honorary deacons thereafter. His first wife, Elima S., dau. of Israel Hunting [257], d. Dec. 8, 1839, and Joseph m. (2), May 19, 1840, Dolly, dau. of Daniel Huntoon of Andover and sister of William H. H. Huntoon of N. L., b. Aug. 2, 1808. Dolly d. July 20, 1879, and he m. (3), Sept. 15, 1880, Susan A., dau. of Samuel J. and Susan (Boynton) Philbrick. Deacon Herrick d. Sept. 13, 1890, passing away while sitting in his chair, with scarcely a moment’s warning. George Herrick, younger brother of Joseph, res. at the homestead after his retirement from active business, and the beautiful home life was broken only by death. Both brothers were of generous disposition, and their well-chosen gifts were always quietly and worthily bestowed. Mrs. Herrick, a woman of modest yet singularly lovely character, still res. at the homestead. The only child of Deacon Herrick was,—



GEORGE W. HERRICK.

1. George H. W., b. April 8, 1839. As an infant he was frail in health, and owing to the early death of his mother was tenderly cared for in the family of Dr. Webster of Boscawen. The strong interest which Dr. Webster felt in the boy, doubtless was influential in his choice of a profession as he grew to manhood. After a course of study at the New London academy he entered Harvard Medical school in 1857, and in 1861 graduated from the Jefferson Medical college of Philadelphia. Dr. Herrick m., Sept. 4, 1861, Jennie V. Bean, b. June 22, 1840, and for three years practised in Billerica, Mass. He then entered the army, and as assistant surgeon of the First Massachusetts was stationed at Norfolk, Va., for six months; was promoted to surgeon, and transferred with his regiment to Fort Rice, No. Dakota. Later he was made medical director, with the rank of major. During the two years he was in the army his wife and child d., the latter at the Herrick homestead in N. L. On his return from the war Major Herrick settled in Charlestown, Mass., and soon after m. Miss Mary E. Merriam, b. Billerica, Mass., Aug. 23, 1839, who d. Dec. 19, 1867. On Nov. 6, 1872, he was united in marriage with Nannie D. Plumly of Boston. Dr. Herrick practised his profession in Charlestown with marked ability and success until 1877, when failing health necessitated his going abroad. He d. in London, July 11 of the same year, at the age of 38. Although a young man he ranked among the leading men of his profession, and at the time of his illness was arranging to give up general practice and devote all his time to a specialty. He was a great churchman, and was junior warden of St. John's Episcopal church, Charlestown, for several years. He was one of God's noblemen, unselfish to a fault and beloved by all who knew him. Child:

(1). Elima Florence, b. Nov. 25, 1862; d. Dec. 1, 1864.

HOBBS, DANIEL F.—After the Woodburys went West the Charles Crockett farm was owned by John Fisk of Wilmot, who sold to Daniel Hobbs in 1835, and it was nearly a quarter-century later when the farm passed to its present owner. Daniel Hobbs m. his cousin Betsey Hobbs. Children:

1. Samuel, went West, m., and was killed by falling between horses while driving team.
2. Irene, never m.
3. Caroline, never m.
4. Alvira, m. ——— Pettingill of Salisbury.

5. Abel, m. and res. in N. L.
6. Daniel, m. and went West.
7. Melissa, never m.
8. Priscilla, m. Nathaniel Pettingill of Salisbury (brother of her sister Alvira's husband); res. in N. L.

HOSMER, WILLIAM H.—Dr. Hosmer was a practising physician in N. L. from 1838 to 1848; res. on Summer street. He was the son of Jacob and Catharine (Wellington) Hosmer, b. Concord, June 13, 1814; studied medicine with Dr. Thomas P. Hill of Sanbornton, and graduated from Dartmouth Medical college in July, 1838, locating here in September of that year. He was very popular as a physician, and had an extensive practice. On leaving N. L. he spent a year in Newport, then removed to Penacook, where he was engaged in active practice for many years, and still enjoys the esteem of his fellow-townsmen. His first wife was Mary Jane, dau. of Christopher Sanborn of Sanbornton, b. March 9, 1816, whom he m. Sept. 5, 1838. Mary Jane d. March 6, 1863, and Dr. Hosmer m. (2) Julia Eastman, b. Aug. 17, 1812, who was also living in 1898. Children:

1. Mary Francis, b. N. L., Sept. 25, 1842; m. (1) Capt. W. A. Fosgate, who was in the army, and killed in battle at Winchester, Va.; m. (2), July 31, 1867, Frank Abbott, now d.; res. Mountain View, Santa Clara Co., Cal. Children:
 - (1). Ralph Hosmer, b. Dec. 21, 1870.
 - (2). Frank.
2. Carrie Eleanor, b. 1849; d. young.
3. Ella Jane, b. Nov. 15, 1851; m., Feb. 16, 1874, John Chadwick of Boscawen, now a prominent citizen of Penacook, where they reside. Children:
 - (1). Jennie, b. April 2, 1876; res. at Penacook.
 - (2). Julia, twin to Jennie; res. at Penacook, and is in charge of the telephone office.

HUBBARD, RODNEY.—Rodney Hubbard was of Sutton, but res. several years in N. L. on the Daniel Robinson place, he having m. Sally, oldest dau. of Daniel and Mary Robinson [278]. The family removed to Sutton Gore, and Hubbard dropped dead on the north road from Warner to North Sutton. Children:

1. William, was twice m.; res. for a short time on Gove place.
2. Daniel R., b. 1840; enlisted from Warner in Second N. H. V., Aug. 9, 1862; discharged disabled, Feb. 9, 1864, at Alexandria, Va.; m., and res. at Laconia.



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3. Lucy, m. Benjamin Moody.
4. Lydia, m. and res. in Manchester.
5. Sally, m. ——— Ross; res. in N. L. and Penacook. Children: Clara, Bertha, Nelly, Robert.

HUNTOON, WILLIAM H. H.—Harrison Huntoon became a real-estate owner in N. L. in 1839. He res. on the Edwin Messer place for a number of years, then removed to Danbury, where he d. Jan. 6, 1882. He was a native of Andover, b. March 31, 1813, the son of Daniel Huntoon. His wife, whom he m. March 31, 1839, was Joanna S., dau. of Jonathan Keneston of Andover, b. June 31, 1819. Joanna d. at Danbury, Jan. 2, 1898, an exemplary Christian, beloved and respected by all. Their children were,—

1. James Greeley, b. Jan. 12, 1840; d. Aug. 20, 1843.
2. Albert Granville, b. July 21, 1842; m., April 30, 1882, Arlie M. Collins of Springfield; was stage-driver in N. L. for several years; a genial, kindly man who had hosts of friends; now res. at Middleton, Mass. Child:
 - (1). Harry, b. August, 1883.
3. James Greeley, b. July 28, 1844; d. Aug. 20, 1851.
4. Daniel H., b. March 16, 1847; d. Sept. 4, 1851.
5. Enoch S., b. Aug. 31, 1849; d. Sept. 9, 1851.
6. Betsey J., b. Sept. 12, 1851; d. Sept. 21, 1863.
7. Mary J., b. March 20, 1855; m., Nov. 30, 1871, Albert E. Perkins of Danbury; now res. in Chicago, Ill. Children:
 - (1). Alice M., b. Aug. 26, 1874.
 - (2). Luanna J., b. May 22, 1876.
 - (3). Lelia A., b. March 23, 1878.
 - (4). Arnold G., b. Aug. 23, 1880.
 - (5). Roscoe A., b., December, 1881; d. September, 1888.
 - (6). Lynn A., b. April 2, 1884.
 - (7). Ninna A., b. Jan. 30, 1888.
 - (8). Eugene F., b. Oct. 4, 1890.
8. Fred, b. Sept. 10, 1858; m. Hattie E. Morey of Sunapee; now a prosperous citizen of Danbury. Children:
 - (1). Charles H., b. July 27, 1886; d. Feb. 14, 1887.
 - (2). Estella M., b. July 18, 1891.
 - (3). Lawrence F., b. Aug. 19, 1893.

JEWETT, CHARLES.—Charles was the son of Jedediah and Mary (Wheeler) Jewett [258]; res. on the Battles place on Morgan hill, at the West Part, and at Burpee hill. His wife, Elizabeth (or Eliza), was the sixth child of Dea. Gideon Wil-

kins [287]. Charles d. N. L., Aug. 10, 1879; Elizabeth d. N. L., Jan. 27, 1891, aged 79 years. Children:

1. Charles Alfred, b. Jan. 24, 1838; d. March 16, 1840.
2. Frances E., b. May 8, 1841; m., Nov. 10, 1859, Giles Goings, and res in N. L.
3. George M., b. Dec. 6, 1843; m., May 16, 1888, Annie E. Slater of Lowell, Mass.; res. North Wilmot. Children:
 - (1). Alice M., b. Feb. 26, 1890.
 - (2). George M., Jr., b. Aug. 20, 1892.

JONES, EZRA.—Ezra Jones was on the Moses Haskins farm in 1832. In 1830 this same property was taxed to Jonathan Jones, and the succeeding year to "Wid. F. Jones," who were probably the parents of Ezra. Elizabeth, dau. of Ezra, m. (1) ——— Philbrick; m. (2) Jonah Campbell [333].

KENESTON, NATHANIEL.—Nathaniel Keneston, who came here in 1829, res. on the James Prescott place, and also at Otterville. He had at least three sons,—Harrison, who res. and d. in Andover; Jacob, res. in N. L. for a time, was leader of the band in 1837, and removed to Danbury; James, went West, returned, and settled in Andover.

LEE, WILLIAM.—The William Lee house on Summer street was built about 1842. For further data, see Lydia, dau. of Evans Dow [238].

LITTLE, ALBERT.—Albert Little, who came to N. L. in 1840, followed Daniel Pattee in the Fred Fowler house; was prominent in public matters, and held the office of sheriff. Removed to Goffstown, where he d. His widow, who d. in 1896, left bequests to the N. L. Baptist church and Sunday school. Their only son, George A., d. N. L., Sept. 27, 1868.

LITTLE, DR. SAMUEL.—Dr. Samuel Little was a native of Grantham, b. May 22, 1801. He m., Sept. 3, 1829, Catharine Payne of Lebanon, b. Sept. 26, 1805, and at that time settled in N. L., where he res. in the Robie house on Summer street. Dr. Little was a good physician, and in the ten years that he spent in N. L. was much esteemed by his fellow-citizens. He served as town clerk for several years, and was a member of the school board. From here he went to Thetford, Vt., thence to Lebanon and Rumney, and d. in the West about 1870. Child:

1. Arabella M., b. April 1, 1831.



VALENTINE MANAHAN, M. D.

MANAHAN, JOHN.—The earliest ancestor of the Manahan family was the Adam who with his brother John came from the north of Ireland. John came to Canada as a British soldier, deserted, and in 1775 was enrolled as a private in Capt. John Stark's company. Adam was much the younger of the two, b. 1763, and came to this country between 1783 and 1788. He settled in Methuen, Mass., and there m., in 1789, Ruth Gutter-son, a native of Methuen. Of their four sons, John, who came to N. L., was the oldest, b. Methuen, May 1, 1792. John, then of Deering, m., in 1818, Lucintha, dau. of Benjamin Felch of Weare, b. May 17, 1800. They settled in Sutton, where the four oldest children were b. In the spring of 1826 the family removed to N. L., locating on the farm in the West Part which had been occupied by John Williams, Sr., and his son Benjamin, and here the remaining children were b. The Stacy place on the opposite side of the road came to Mrs. Manahan for her kindness to this aged couple. John was a farmer, liberal in religion (his father had been a Presbyterian), and a Whig in politics, going early into the Free Soil party. John d. May 7, 1862; Lucintha d. Hillsborough, Jan. 16, 1882, a consistent member of the N. L. Baptist church. Children:

1. Emily, b. July 2, 1820; m. Dea. John A. V. Smith of Manchester, a successful manufacturer of Smith's speeder flyers. No children.
2. Lucinda, b. Feb. 25, 1822; m. T. A. B. Young; res. Hillsboro; died at Sutton, where Lucinda d. July 10, 1890. Children: George, and Walter, who is now m. and res. in Putnam, Conn.
3. Mary, b. March 4, 1824; unmarried; res. at Hillsborough.
4. Valentine, b. Nov. 17, 1825; educated at New London and Pembroke academies; began the study of medicine in the office of Dr. H. C. Bickford of N. L. in 1846. Later was with Drs. Chadbourne and Moore of Concord and Professor E. E. Phelps of Windsor, Vt.; a course of lectures at Dartmouth Medical college, and a second at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, Pa., from which he received his degree March 9, 1850, completed his medical preparation. Dr. Manahan recalls with gratitude the kindness of ex-Gov. Anthony Colby, who aided him in procuring the funds with which to prosecute his studies in Philadelphia. His entire professional life has been passed in New Hampshire,—a few

months at Antrim, after his graduation; at Springfield, 1851 to 1866, and at Enfield since 1866. Dr. Manahan has devoted his life to the medical profession, and had honestly earned the retirement from active practice which he sought in 1888; but he is still in demand for consultation, going frequently to Vermont, Massachusetts, and western New York. In the years that he was at Springfield he had an extensive practice in N. L., and has been called to the home of his boyhood and early manhood many times since in consultation. His pleasant face and gentle manner win him hosts of friends, and his simple, hearty greeting begets confidence in the skill of the physician. Dr. Manahan is a member of Social lodge, No. 50, F. & A. M., of Enfield, and of St. Andrew's chapter, Royal Arch, of Lebanon; a member of the New Hampshire Medical society, and of the American Medical association since 1872. He has travelled extensively through the United States, Canada, and Mexico. Dr. Manahan m., Oct. 21, 1851, Abby E., dau. of Hon. Reuben Porter of Warner, who d. Jan. 5, 1856. He has no children, but has assisted in educating a niece and nephew since deceased, and has recently defrayed the expenses of a young lady through Radcliffe.

5. Abby A., b. April 12, 1828; m. Benaiah Fitts of Worcester, Mass., a noted inventor and mechanic of rare practical ability. Abby d. Worcester, Oct. 24, 1894. Children:
 - (1). Homer, was a very successful and skilled D. D. S.; d. 1895.
 - (2). Carrie, was a fine teacher; d. 1895.
 - (3). Ellen, m. Rev. Robert Higgins.
 - (4). Norman, is an inventor.
 - (5). Edson, d. young.
6. Newton, b. Sept. 19, 1830; m., Jan. 1, 1851, Hepsybeth A. Thompson; res. in N. L.
7. Fannie A., b. Jan. 18, 1835; m. T. Newell Turner of Worcester, Mass. (one of the Bethlehem Turner brothers), a lifelong conductor on the Norwich & Worcester and N. Y. & N. E. R. R. Mr. Turner d. 1898. Child:
 - (1). Wallace M., m., July 14, 1896, Helen H., niece of Matthew I. Whittall of Worcester. An A. B. graduate of Harvard in 1891, and received A. M. degree in 1896; is a successful teacher in Boston, Mass.
8. William H., b. March 31, 1840; attended Colby academy, and Eaton's Commercial college of Worcester, Mass., where he went when 13 years old. He learned the machinist's trade



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and practical drafting, continuing in this work nine years. In 1862 he located in Hillsborough, engaging in mill and lumber operations, adding in 1871 the manufacture of furniture. Then he entered on his true vocation, for the state to-day has not his superior as an auctioneer and real estate agent. His business takes him into every county of the state, and in real estate sales extensively into Massachusetts and Maine, his transfers of property aggregating some years nearly a half-million dollars. He has also conducted several important land sales in the South. Has served as town moderator for twelve years, and as justice of the peace and quorum some twenty years. Was an active member of the Constitutional convention of 1889, and as representative of Hillsborough in 1885-1886, was prominently recognized in the lower House, among other work introducing and advocating a bill to prevent double taxation of mortgaged real estate, and securing its passage in the face of a stubborn opposition. Presiding with ease and grace when called to the chair, his work on the floor was of such marked virility that Hon. O. C. Moore, in an editorial in the *Nashua Telegraph* summing up "Legislative Honors," said of him,—“For oratorical ability no man has won so high a reputation as W. H. Manahan of Hillsborough.” Though his associations have so long been elsewhere, he still finds the greatest pleasure among the scenes of his boyhood, and in his deep interest for his native town, with its wealth of lake and mountain scenery, notes with especial pride its growing popularity as a summer resort. Mr. Manahan m. Fannie H. Chaffin of Holden, Mass., a Christian woman of rare ability and worth. They are members of the Hillsborough Congregational church. Children:

- (1). Josephine E., an accomplished pianist and singer.
- (2). F. Gertrude, a graduate of the Plymouth Normal school and a successful teacher.
- (3). William H., Jr., a student at Colby academy.

McCUTCCHINS, GEN. LUTHER.—Numbered among the stalwart citizens of New Hampshire is one whom this town is proud to claim as a resident for more than a half-century. Luther McCutchins came of good Scotch-Irish stock, and was a fine example of the sturdy manhood of that race. Of commanding stature, with rugged features that bore the stamp of honest independence and earnest purpose, he was a man whose

very bearing was an index of the uprightness of heart and mind that dominated his life. He was b. in Pembroke, Feb. 25, 1809, the son of Frederick and Abigail (Colby) McCutchins. His father d. when Luther was but eight years old, leaving his family in limited circumstances. But with characteristic self-reliance the lad faced the world manfully, and the next eight years worked on a farm in Pembroke, with brief intervals of attendance at the district school. From there he went to Dunbarton, and for a short time attended the Hopkinton school. After working for a few years in Boston, he went to Weathersfield, Conn., and for a long period was assistant warden at the state prison under Amos Pillsbury.

In 1835, in company with Amos Dodge, he began keeping store in N. L., and the following year served on the town school board. He m., Nov. 25, 1841, Elizabeth, dau. of Robert and Ann (Clark) Campbell of New Boston, b. April 16, 1816. As a farmer, and as senior partner in the general store now occupied by E. J. Wells, General McCutchins led a busy life year in and year out; his practical common sense and keen business foresight winning for him material success,—a measure of wealth that he used both wisely and well. He never forgot the struggles of his own boyhood and early manhood, and was deeply interested in the young men who were working their way through the academy. More than one man who has since attained the pinnacle of success, has cause to remember with gratitude the helping hand extended in his student days by General McCutchins. He had the respect and confidence of his fellow-citizens, and the positions of private trust and honor he was called upon to fill need no enumeration here, while the official rolls bear witness to his long and faithful service as selectman, treasurer, and representative.

General McCutchins's service to the state at large began in 1857, when he was commissioned adjutant-general of the state militia by Governor Haile. During the Civil War he served as draft commissioner. In 1874 he received the nomination for governor, but there was no election by the people, and he was defeated in the legislature by a narrow margin. Throughout his life he was remarkable for his habits of close, untiring industry, and he yielded only when the infirmities of extreme old age wrested his duties from him one by one. The Elder



GEN. LUTHER MCCUTCHINS.

Seamans place was the home of General McCutchins for many years, but in 1865 he purchased the homestead near the Four Corners, where he d. March 27, 1896. A kind husband, an indulgent father, an honorable and useful citizen, his memory will long be cherished. Mrs. McCutchins, a woman whose gentle manners and consistent walk endeared her to her friends, d. Oct. 16, 1888. Their children were,—

1. Robert Sherman, b. Dec. 6, 1842. A youth of great promise, his early death, Aug. 10, 1859, was a lifelong grief to the family.
2. Elizabeth A., b. Oct. 15, 1845; m., Nov. 30, 1871, Dr. Robert A. Blood, son of Luke and Mary (Bickford) Blood, and res. in N. L. and Charlestown, Mass.

MESSER, CURTIS.—Curtis, son of James How and Elizabeth (Shepard) Messer [122], res. on the Samuel and How Messer farm on Messer hill. He tore down the house built by his father, and built the one which was burned during the occupancy of George Sholes, to whom Curtis sold. His wife was Clarissa, dau. of John Wood. Curtis d. May 30, 1877; Clarissa d. March 13, 1889. Children:

1. Sybil, d. Aug. 12, 1857.
2. Elizabeth, m. Almon B., son of William Whittier; res. at Scytheville.
3. Emily M., m., Nov. 26, 1873, William L. Gordon of Lowell; res. Chelmsford, Mass.
4. Hamilton M., b. 1844; enlisted, Aug. 11, 1862, Company F, Eleventh N. H. V.; d. disease, Jan. 13, 1864, Knoxville, Tenn.

MESSER, ENOCH.—Enoch was the fifth son of Nathaniel S. and Sarah (Long) Messer [124], b. Sept. 5, 1797. Enoch became a landholder in 1824, and res. on the farm near Little Sunapee now owned by his son, Frank P. Messer. He built the cottage house which became the nucleus of the present spacious dwelling, and res. there until his death, March 13, 1873. Enoch m. (1), Nov. 24, 1825, Betsey, dau. of John and Phebe (Messer) Morgan [270], b. Nov. 4, 1804, who bore him two children and d. April 12, 1838. He m. (2), October, 1838, Salome, dau. of Joseph and Martha (Dole) Woodward, who d. April 18, 1839, a few days after the birth of her son. His third wife was Eliza Ann, dau. of Thomas Chapin of Jaffrey, b. March 10, 1807, whom he m. Dec. 6, 1839. Mrs.

Eliza (Chapin) Messer celebrated her ninety-first birthday March 10, 1898, and received many presents and congratulations. She is remarkably active, enjoys good health, and is dearly loved and cherished in the home to which she gave her helpful presence almost sixty years ago. Enoch Messer's children were,—

1. John, b. July 5, 1827; m., Dec. 4, 1860, Mary C., dau. of Ebenezer Johnson of New Hampton, b. Aug. 17, 1836; res. in N. L.
2. Phebe, b. Oct. 25, 1829; m. William, son of Hezekiah Mills, and res. in N. L.
3. Frank P., b. April 12, 1839; m., Nov. 3, 1865, Weltha C., dau. of John and Lydia (Bugbee) Williams, b. Nov. 4, 1846; res. in N. L.
4. Betsey Ann, b. Sept. 8, 1840; m., Dec. 19, 1856, Augustus, son of Elhanan and Weltha (Lake) Preston, b. April 19, 1834; res. in N. L.
5. William Henry, b. Jan. 14, 1843; d. young.
6. Alfaretta Sarah, b. Nov. 30, 1845; m. Jonathan C., son of Timothy H. and Eliza (Davis) Quimby; res. in Manchester, and has Harry M. and Annie E.

MESSER, JACOB.—Jacob was the youngest and only surviving child of the pioneer Joseph Messer [123], and res. on the clearing on Morgan hill until April 1, 1856, when he exchanged with Samuel Gardner for the farm now owned by his son, Dea. Edwin Messer. Jacob also owned the Moses Adams farm on the opposite side of the road. His first wife, Mary Mahala, dau. of Joseph and Anna (Sargent) Putney [276], d. Feb. 20, 1848. He m. (2) Roxalana, dau. of Jeremiah and Sally (Dole) Pingree [275], who d. July 22, 1855. His third wife was Laura A. Putney, sister of Mary Mahala above. Laura d. April 14, 1863; Jacob d. March 30, 1871. Children:

1. Putney, d. at the age of 2 years, 3 months.
2. A girl, lived only a few days.
3. Edwin Francis, b. Sept. 12, 1837; m., July 2, 1865, Sarah Augusta, dau. of Benjamin and Eliza (Gage) (Collins) Perley of Springfield; res. in N. L.
4. Mary Ann, m. Dea. Washington H. Clark of Tilton, and is now deceased.
5. Adelbert, b. Sept. 30, 1844; m., Nov. 27, 1871, Albina J., dau. of Charles and Lydia (Messer) Crockett; res. in N. L.



STEPHEN MESSER.

MESSER, STEPHEN.—The oldest son of Timothy and Phebe (Dow) Messer [266] early learned the lessons of self-reliance and patient industry. After his marriage he began farming on the Benjamin Bunker place northeast of Lake Pleasant, and by thrift and industry finally owned the homestead and farm free from incumbrance. This place he sold, and res. for a short time in Warner; then returned to N. L., and purchased the farm now owned by Dea. Seth Littlefield. There he res. until he bought of Samuel Carr the beautiful and fertile "Sunny Ridge" farm, the present home of his widow and son. By hard work and careful management Stephen Messer amassed a competency, but he was never selfish or "near." Many a needy individual has he assisted with advice, labor, and money, but always modestly and without ostentation. He was true to his friends, and a kind, obliging neighbor. One can truly say of him that he was "a man in a thousand," and his wife has been a fitting complement to his strong, earnest nature. Stephen d. Sept. 8, 1893. Child:

1. Alvin F., b. June 5, 1849; m., Dec. 25, 1880, at Franklin, Jennie, dau. of Amos Brown of Wilmot; res. in N. L.

MESSER, HON. RICHARD H.—High on the roll of New London's distinguished sons may be placed the name of Richard Heath Messer. A native of the town, the second son of Isaac and Martha (Stevens) Messer [263], he grew up with only ordinary advantages, and his time until he reached his majority was given to the support of the family. At twenty-one he went to Fitchburg, Mass., and there learned the trade or scythe-making. With his characteristic earnestness he thoroughly mastered the details of the business, and in 1835, knowing the natural advantages of his native town for the location of such an enterprise, interested a fellow-workman, Joseph E. Phillips, in the project. The New London Scythe company was the result. Col. Anthony Colby, who then owned the water-power at Lake Pleasant, lent a ready hand to the undertaking, and the energetic industry of the young men did the rest.

As business manager Mr. Messer was highly successful, and he lived to see the fruit of his labors in a rapidly growing business and a thriving village peopled by his work-fellows. To him, as the originator and active manager of the enterprise,

the town is indebted for its high-water mark of population and prosperity. The old tannery at Scytheville was originally owned by Messer & Phillips, and was an important addition to their resources as well as a means of employment. Mr. Messer was interested in everything pertaining to the welfare of his native place, and gave liberally wherever money was needed. He shared with Hon. James B. Colgate of New York in the gift of a pipe organ to the church, and was an active supporter of the cause of religion. He was elected to the legislature in 1858, and was an honored member of Gov. William Haile's council in 1857-1858. Industrious, enterprising, consistent, the years of life that were granted him were well spent, filled to the end with earnest labor. He built and lived in the H. B. Swett and Oren Messer cottages at Scytheville, and also built the Austin Morgan house at Low Plain, this being the home of his later years. Richard Messer d. May 15, 1872; Sally (Spalding) Messer d. March 24, 1880. Children:

1. Richard Oren, b. Oct. 17, 1830; m., Oct. 9, 1851, Emily A., dau. of Robert Todd; res. N. L.
2. Augustus S., b. Feb. 2, 1834; m., May 29, 1855, Francis J. Jones; real-estate owner in N. L. 611
3. Austin W., b. Sept. 22, 1836; m., Oct. 20, 1860, Anzoletta Whittemore; res. in N. L. 503

An adopted niece, Mary Spalding, b. March 10, 1833, m., Oct. 7, 1855, Marshall J., son of John K. Woodward [291].

MILLS, HEZEKIAH.—In 1839 Hezekiah Mills succeeded William Withy on the farm between Morgan and Bunker hills, replacing the log cabin with a comfortable house. Hezekiah was b. Dec. 13, 1796; d. Danville, Wis., Jan. 29, 1871. He m. (1), in 1820, Susan Brown of Worcester, Vt., b. 1799. Susan d. Sept. 17, 1842, and Hezekiah m. (2), in 1851, the "Widow Gilman" of Springfield. Children:

1. Mary, b. Worcester, Vt., July 13, 1821; d. N. L., Oct. 12, 1846, unmarried.
2. Edward, b. July 22, 1822; d. Sept. 18, 1822.
3. John M., b. Montgomery, Vt., June 27, 1825; m., and res. in Arlington, Mass., where he d. May 8, 1893.
4. William A., b. March 18, 1827; m. Phebe, dau. of Enoch and Betsey (Morgan) Messer; res. in N. L.
5. Rachel A., b. Worcester, April 23, 1830; d. N. L., April, 1848.



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6. Joan B., b. April 9, 1832; m., and had a child who lived about a month after her own death. Joan d. Boston, Mass., April 8, 1861.
7. Charles E., b. July 30, 1836; killed at Second Bull Run, Aug. 18, 1862.
8. Susan A., b. N. L., June 1, 1841; m., July 27, 1861, Francis E. Derby of Orford; res. in N. L.

MORGAN, JAMES.—James was the older son of John and Phebe (Messer) Morgan [270]. At his marriage he received half the homestead farm on Morgan hill. About 1848 James purchased that part of the original John Dole farm now owned by Moses Messer, and res. there until 1852, when he bought of David Everett the present A. J. Sargent farm on Main street. Here he res. until shortly before his death in the Micajah Morgan house. Mr. Morgan was a man quiet in speech and manners, of lovable disposition, and respected by his fellow-citizens. He d. April 27, 1891. His wife was Salana, dau. of Edward Ide [258]. Salana d. June 8, 1881. Children:

1. Serphina, b. Sept. 20, 1832; m., Aug. 11, 1864, John M. Philbrick; res. in Springfield until her husband's decease, and in April, 1883, returned to N. L. In 1897 Mrs. Philbrick purchased a lot on Main street and erected the pleasant house which is now her home.
2. Arthur M., b. Sept. 6, 1835; m., Dec. 7, 1865, Nancy J., dau. of Thomas Sewall of Danbury; res. in N. L.
3. Mary Jane, b. Sept. 21, 1841; m., Feb. 4, 1869, Charles, son of Gage Woodward; res. in N. L.
4. Alfred J., b. October, 1847; d. Aug. 13, 1851.
5. Julia Addie, b. Oct. 12, 1853; m., Jan. 1, 1874, Milon C. Cooper of Croydon. Children:
 - (1). Leon O., b. May 1, 1875.
 - (2). Mabel S., b. March 9, 1879.
 - (3). Winifred C., b. Dec. 21, 1890.

MORGAN, LEVI H.—The Levi H. Morgan who from 1823 to 1835 owned a small parcel of land in N. L., has not been connected with the descendants of Capt. John Morgan.

MORGAN, DEA. MICAJAH.—Micajah was the younger son of John and Phebe (Messer) Morgan [270], and on coming of age received from his father that half of the homestead farm on which a new house had just been erected. Micajah res. on Morgan hill until 1854, when he purchased the farm at Four Corners of Walter P. Flanders which was ever after his home.

In the great revival under Rev. Oren Tracy in the winter of 1831, Micajah was converted, and the years of his early manhood were lived in such Christian consistency that on April 21, 1849, he was chosen to the office of deacon, sharing with Joseph C. Herrick the honor of forty years' service. Of modest presence, his kindly demeanor made every one his friend, and he was ever worthy of the friendship. His first wife, Maria W., dau. of Jeremiah Burpee [221], d. June 6, 1839. He m. (2), Sept. 24, 1839, Mrs. Drusilla (Woodward) Cilley, widow of Moses Cilley of Wilmot. Drusilla was the mother of his children, and d. Dec. 6, 1851. He m. (3), March, 1852, Mrs. Mary (Woodbury) Burpee, widow of Abial Burpee [331], who tenderly reared the children given to her care. She d. Jan. 17, 1880, and Micajah m. (4), Nov. 27, 1880, Mrs. Phebe A., widow of Eben Cilley of Wilmot. Micajah d. July 21, 1891, and the homestead is now occupied by his widow. Children :

1. Dura Pratt, b. June 30, 1840; graduated from Colby academy July 17, 1861. He entered Colby university the same year; but when, in the dark days of the war, in 1862, the call came for "300,000 more," at the close of his freshman year he enlisted in the service of his country, and spent three years and a half in that great struggle. At the close of the war he entered Brown university, from which he was graduated with honors in 1869. Having early given himself to the work of the gospel ministry, he spent three years at the Newton Theological seminary, from which he was graduated in June, 1872. He received a call to the pastorate of the Baptist church in Jamaica Plain, Mass., as the successor of Rev. A. J. Gordon, in December, 1871, entering upon its duties after leaving Newton. He was ordained there on his thirty-second birthday, June 30, 1872.

On Sept. 4, 1872, he m. Miss Mary J., dau. of the late Dea. S. Prentiss Hill, of Charlestown, Mass. After a pleasant and successful pastorate of a few years in Jamaica Plain, he accepted a call to the First Baptist church in Beverly, Mass., where he remained, actively and happily engaged in his work, until his sudden illness in 1887. His people kindly granted him leave of absence, and he, with his wife, spent several months abroad, in quest of health, visiting the prominent points in England, France, Germany, Switzerland, and Italy, and returning in April, 1888. The benefit to his health was not what was hoped for by himself and others. Nervous

prostration and mental exhaustion followed, produced, doubtless, by the arduousness of the labors into which he had entered most devotedly and conscientiously. In June, 1888, he returned to his early home in N. L., where he remained until his death, July 7, 1892. His remains were interred in "Woodlawn," a beautiful cemetery near Boston.

For many years Mr. Morgan was a member of the board of trustees of Colby academy, and had served as secretary of the board for five or six years before the failure of his health. His earnest Christian spirit, his warm, sympathetic nature, his sincerity, his desire to be true to his Master, will be well remembered by many who knew and loved him. Mrs. Mary (Hill) Morgan, a thoroughly cultured gentlewoman, was connected with Colby academy as teacher of French and English from 1892 to 1897, and res. with Mrs. Micajah Morgan on the homestead.

2. Maria Betsey, b. May 8, 1843; m., Nov. 30, 1871, D. Stedman Fox of Dracut, Mass., where they res. Children:
 - (1). Henry Dana, b. Sept. 12, 1872; d. Jan. 25, 1875.
 - (2). Albert Nathan, b. Oct. 24, 1874; graduated from Lowell Business college, and attended school at Colby academy; res. at home.
 - (3). Harry Morgan, b. Dec. 17, 1876; member of the class of 1898, Colby academy; res. at home.
 - (4). Jennie Maria, b. March 17, 1880; graduated from Lowell High school in 1897; student at Lowell Business college; res. at home.
3. Dana Boardman, b. March 27, 1846; d. April 2, 1873.
4. Dixi Crosby, b. March 18, 1851; d. April 8, 1851.

MORRILL, ADAMS, JR., and ISAAC.—The widow of Jesse Shepard [157] m. (3) Adams Morrill of Warner, who in 1829 removed to N. L. In a year or two his sons, Adams, Jr., and Isaac, came here, and for several years owned in common the Nelson Todd place, and they built the present house.

O'NEIL, EUGENE.—Eugene O'Neil, a native of County Cork, Ireland, son of Michael and Honora O'Neil, set out from Queenstown in a sailing vessel bound to Quebec, in April, 1834. Landing at Quebec, he went from there to Montreal, then across the St. Lawrence and Lower Canada to St. John's, where he worked for a month. Thence to Stanstead, across Vermont to Hanover, making his way eastward until he reached this town, July 4, 1834, eating dinner on that day with Zaccheus

Messer, near Little Sunapee. In all this wearisome journey he had been accompanied by his wife and infant dau. Mary, and, perhaps from the kindly hospitality and prospect of work he received, Eugene decided to cast in his fortunes with the good people of N. L. In the fall he settled his family in a small house on the Timothy Crowley place, and worked faithfully at whatever his willing hands could find to do. Not long after he removed to the little cottage opposite the Elkins cemetery, which was his home for fifty-eight years. Eugene has made his home in Wilmot since the death of his wife, Margaret (Lorden) O'Neil, Jan. 23, 1892, aged 82 years. They were simple, kindly, and thoroughly worthy people. Children :

1. Mary, b. Dec. 20, 1833; m. James Mackensie. Child: Frances T., d. Aug. 8, 1876, aged 5 months, 10 days.
2. Ellen, b. July 20, 1835; m. (1) Patrick Welch, who d. Feb. 5, 1858, aged 34 years, and had William and Frank; m. (2) James Murphy; res. in Wilmot.
3. John, d. Nov. 30, 1846, aged 10 years.
4. Rebekah, m. John Deven; res. in Woburn, Mass. No children.
5. Nancy, m. ——— Harding, and moved to New York state. Five children.

OSGOOD, THOMAS B.—Thomas Osgood and his wife Hannah came to N. L. in 1843; res. on the farm now owned by Jonathan George at Otterville; Thomas d. Nov. 24, 1852. Hannah m. (2), Nov. 16, 1856, Robert Davis of Warner. They res. in N. L. until 1859. Two sons of Thomas Osgood, Daniel F. and John, paid a poll tax in 1855 and 1856. Daniel m., March 6, 1855, Mary R. Gordon of N. L. Helen, dau. of Thomas Osgood, m. Mason M. Fisher of Wilmot, and res. in Warner.

PAGE, ISAAC.—Isaac Page removed from Wilmot to N. L. in 1842; res. in the Stephen D. Messer house, which he bought of Sylvanus Sargent. His wife was Ann, dau. of Eliza Adams. The family removed to Lowell, and Isaac d. soon after. Children, b. in Wilmot: Angeline, Howard, Lorenzo, Dudley.

PAGE, JOHN, JR.—John Page, Jr., youngest son of John and and Mehitable Page [273], m., (1), Dec. 16, 1823, Miriam, dau. of Anthony and Miriam Sargent [136], b. June 26, 1800, and res. on the Sargent homestead. Miriam d. Oct. 5, 1841,

and John m. (2), March 28, 1843, Lucy, dau. of Jedediah and Mary (Wheeler) Jewett [258], b. March 3, 1811. In the fall of 1850 the Pages removed to Newport, where John d. Feb. 25, 1859. Children :

1. Harriet N., b. Nov. 16, 1824; m., Sept. 1, 1851, James Munroe, son of Jedediah and Mary (Wheeler) Jewett, b. Feb. 28, 1818; res. in N. L.
2. Anthony S., b. Sept. 17, 1826; m., March 18, 1851, Roxanna Cross of Springfield; res. in N. L.
3. Susan F., b. July 29, 1828; d. July 8, 1849.
4. Rosaline G., b. Oct. 17, 1830; m., May 6, 1858, Charles P. Everett of Newport.
5. John G., b. Oct. 9, 1832; m., Aug. 19, 1854, Caroline T. Wright of Nashua.
6. Emily, b. July 15, 1835; m. Rial Hurd of Newport.
7. Maroa H., b. March 20, 1844; m., Oct. 28, 1861, Daniel W. Howe; res. at Marlow.
8. George B., b. Sept. 23, 1845; m., June 12, 1873, Julia A. Mead of Corinth, Vt.
9. Alice F., b. Nov. 23, 1847; m., Jan. 27, 1869, Arvin S. Roundy of Unity.
10. Mary E., b. June 17, 1850; m., Aug. 30, 1873, Elbridge N. Howe; res. at Marlow.
11. James E., m. Catherine Morey.
12. Delina M., m. a Mr. Thompson.

PAGE, JOHN, 3D.—The John Page associated with Jedediah P. Sabin in the cloth factory and carding-mill at Otterville, was not the John Page, Jr., as given on *p.* 278, but a John Page who came from Weare to N. L. in 1822, and so far as known was not connected with the New London Pages. It was during Sabin and Page's ownership that the mill was enlarged and the big boarding-house built. Page also built the John Taylor house. His mother, who was a widow, m. (2) — Eastman; m. (3) Benjamin Colby, 2d, of Springfield.

PAGE, STEPHEN G.—The Stephen G. Page who is given in the list of land-owners on *p.* 292, res. in the West Part for a number of years. His connection with the John Page family has not been established. He m. Belinda P., dau. of Moses and Hannah (True) Thompson of Salisbury and Newport. Stephen later removed to George's Mills, where Miss Catharine

Whittemore, now of N. L., was housekeeper for him twenty-five years.

PARKER, AMOS.—Amos, son of Hezekiah and Esther (Williams) Parker of Sutton, b. Aug. 12, 1788, removed to N. L. in 1837, and purchased the Freeman Sargent farm on Morgan hill. He res. there seven years, and then exchanged with Sylvanus Sargent for a farm at Wilmot Flat. His first wife was Betsey, dau. of Joseph Wood [288]. He m. (2), Sept. 29, 1830, Ruth, dau. of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent [137]. Amos d. Aug. 7, 1865; Ruth d. March 2, 1864. Children:

1. Sarah, b. Aug. 9, 1831; m. James J., son of Abel and Sarah (Jehonnet) Wheeler, and res. in Wilmot and Sutton, then went West. Children: May E., Orella.
2. Freeman S., b. July 3, 1833; m. (1), October, 1857, Frances M. Cheney, who d. May 15, 1860. Freeman m. (2), May, 1862, Sarah (Wells) Bickford. Freeman res. in Canaan, and later at Concord. Children:
 - (1). Laura M., b. Nov. 6, 1858; graduated from Colby academy, and has been very successful as a teacher at N. L., Concord, and other places.
 - (2). Cora Belle, b. June, 1865; d. 1881.
 - (3). George W., b. April 13, 1875; graduated from Colby academy in 1895.
3. Nathaniel Addison, b. Feb. 10, 1836; m. Augusta Wood (his second cousin); res. in N. L.
4. Prudence S., b. Oct. 13, 1838; m. (1), July 18, 1869, George Sanders of Grafton, who d. Nov. 19, 1879. Prudence m. (2), April 26, 1883, James A. Smith. Prudence d. Wilmot, December, 1895. Child:
 - (1). Loren A., b. July 5, 1874; is studying medicine at Bellevue hospital, New York.

PATTEE, DANIEL.—Daniel, only child of James and Hannah (Clement) Pattee, was b. in Warner, Aug. 10, 1794. James Pattee was b. in Goffstown, the son of Asa and Hannah (Dow) Pattee. Mrs. Hannah (Clement) Pattee became the second wife of Jesse Shepard [157], and Daniel, who at that time was living in the Fred Fowler house, came into the Jesse Shepard place through this marriage. Daniel settled in N. L. in 1826, coming from Hopkinton, and remained until about 1845, when he removed to Alexandria. He m. (1) Mary Dow, who d.

July 22, 1831, aged 37 years; m. (2) Nancy Morrill, who in 1896 was still living in Hyde Park, Mass. Children:

1. John D., b. Oct. 24, 1828; d. April 3, 1829.
2. Alonzo Henry, b. April 7, 1833.
3. Mary Ann, b. March 5, 1837.
4. Ida May, b. Oct. 23, 1838.
5. Frank Adams, b. Feb. 3, 1840.
6. Marcia, b. July 21, 1845.

PATTEE, ISAAC C.—Isaac Pattee, who m. Martha, dau. of Isaac and Martha (Stevens) Messer [263], res. for a time after his marriage in Salem, but removed to N. L. in 1845. He res. in the Charlton Woodbury house, and later in the Charles Woodward house, where he had a shoemaker's shop in the second story. After Martha's death, April 7, 1871, Isaac returned to Salem, and is now deceased. Children:

1. Olive A., b. Aug. 5, 1845; m., March 23, 1871, Thomas H. Goodwin of New Boston.
2. Mary E., b. May 13, 1853; m. Charles Rogers, bookkeeper for the Hastings (Mich.) Wool Boot company.

PEARCE, ROBERT F.—“Miller” Pearce, who came from Warner to N. L. in 1825, was an active, enterprising citizen in his adopted town, and held numerous public offices. He was a miller by trade, and ran the Colby mill at Scytheville for many years, living in the Abel Boynton house. He was b. Oct. 5, 1790. His wife was Sarah Harvey (a sister of Abner Harvey), b. May 1, 1790. Children:

1. Matthew H., b. Oct. 24, 1813; m. Hannah Jones of Wilmot, and removed to Cilleyville, where he d.
2. Walter Harris, b. April 19, 1817; m. Rebecca Phillips (a sister of Joseph E.); res. at Scytheville.
3. Drusilla H., b. Dec. 7, 1823; m., March 26, 1846, Joseph Fred Buswell of Candia, a tailor, and res. in Bradford. A dau., H. Maria, m., Aug. 6, 1873, Henry M. Todd, and res. in N. L.

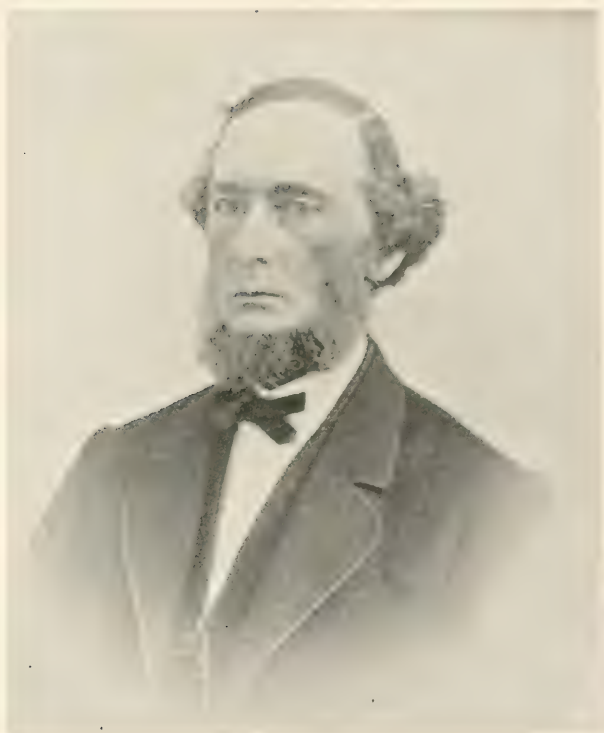
PEASLEE, JOHN.—John was one of the Sutton Peaslees; res. from 1839 to 1843 on the Moses Haskins place at Scytheville, selling in the latter year to Dustin Wilkins.

PHILBRICK, SAMUEL J.—Samuel J., the first permanent representative of the Philbrick family in N. L., was a descendant in the eighth generation of Thomas Philbrick the emigrant, who is supposed to have come from England in 1630, or

not much later, and settled in Watertown, Mass. Thomas is said to have been a mariner in early life, and to have been master of a vessel before he emigrated from Lincolnshire, England. Samuel J., b. Groton, Dec. 20, 1804, was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Jewett) Philbrick. He settled in N. L. in 1834, and res. on the farm now owned by his son Anthony. A younger sister, Apphia, m. Elijah Towle, and also res. in N. L. Samuel m., about 1830, Susan, dau. of Benjamin and Deborah (Parker) Boynton. He d. March 28, 1876, and his widow res. with her youngest son and her dau. Susan, passing away at the home of Mrs. Herrick, May 23, 1893. Children:

1. Samuel B., b. Aug. 29, 1831; m., Sept. 1, 1862, Mary Jane, dau. of Thomas J. Crafts and a cousin of George W. Craft [337]. Samuel enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., and served as sergeant in Company F; discharged disabled, and d. N. L., May 14, 1864. Mary (Crafts) Philbrick, b. Lacomia, Sept. 11, 1828, d. N. L., May 23, 1866. No children.
2. Sarah E., b. Feb. 10, 1833; never m.; res. with her mother; d. April 6, 1896.
3. Susan A., b. May 28, 1837; m., Sept. 15, 1880, Joseph C. Herrick [352].
4. Sylvester, b. Feb. 26, 1842; enlisted Aug. 28, 1862, served in Company K, Ninth N. H. V.; d. disease, Camp Dennison, Ohio, Sept. 18, 1863.
5. Sabra, b. Feb. 24, 1844; d. an infant.
6. Anthony, b. June 7, 1846; m., Jan. 3, 1877, Laura E. F., dau. of Asa Ray; res. in N. L.

PHILLIPS, JOSEPH E.—Joseph Phillips, in the thirty-four years that he was a citizen of N. L., lived to see a busy, thriving village grow up at the outlet of Lake Pleasant as a result of his enterprise in establishing the scythe works at that place. Mr. Phillips was a native of Hanover, Mass., b. Feb. 16, 1811, the son of Christopher and Mary (Cook) Phillips. Christopher served in the War of 1812, enlisting from Hanover. The earliest authentic ancestor of the Phillips family in this country was the Thomas Phillips of Duxbury, Mass., who d. Dec. 17, 1759, aged 80. Thomas was the son of "Widdow Mary Phillips" of Plymouth, and is supposed to be a descendant of the John Phillips, b. England, 1602, who settled in Duxbury in July, 1638. By his wife, Rebecca Blaney, whom he m. Dec. 31, 1702, Thomas had a son Blaney, b. Duxbury, Feb.



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10, 1712; m., May 23, 1733, Christian Wadsworth. Blaney's son Christopher was the father of Joseph. Lewis and James, brothers of Joseph, were later employed in N. L. Joseph learned his trade as scythe-maker in Fitchburg, Mass., working side by side with Richard H. Messer of N. L., and coming to N. L. with him in 1835 to begin his life work. As a practical workman he put goods on the market that brought a steady increase of trade, and his well-known habits of thoroughness and painstaking were trade-marks that stamped the steadily increasing product just as surely as in the days when a few hundred dozen scythes was the annual output. Quiet and retiring in disposition, his friendship once gained was as steadfast as the hills. His wife was Martha E., dau. of Isaiah and Martha (Byam) Spalding of Chelmsford, Mass., and a half-cousin of Mrs. Richard Messer. Isaiah Spalding, b. Aug. 15, 1790, m., Sept. 12, 1810, Martha Byam, b. June 8, 1791. Martha, oldest of the five children, was b. March 24, 1814. Joseph Phillips d. Aug. 28, 1869; Martha d. Oct. 2, 1886. Children:

1. Henrietta E., b. July 12, 1835; d. Oct. 30, 1853.
2. Francis J., b. Dec. 9, 1839.
3. Charles C., b. Dec. 22, 1842; m., May 31, 1864, Emily Peaslee; res. in N. L.
4. Sherman J., b. Dec. 5, 1848; m. Kate P., dau. of Isaac G. Peaslee of Wilmot; res. in N. L.

PIKE, JAMES M.—James Miller, oldest son of Capt. John Pike [273], res. on the Jonathan George place at Otterville. Sarah (Colby) Pike d. June 13, 1844, leaving a son, Charles C. James m. (2), Oct. 9, 1848, Abigail (Colby) Palmer, who d. Feb. 22, 1871. Children:

1. Charles C., enlisted Eleventh N. H. V.; was severely wounded at Fredericksburg, Va., Dec. 13, 1862, and was discharged disabled April 18, 1863; graduated Colby academy and Dartmouth Medical college; practised at Sutton and Peabody, Mass.; m. (1), Dec. 25, 1870, Eva Piper of Hopkinton; m. (2), January, 1874, Susan N. Baker of Peabody; d. Jan. 27, 1894. One child.
2. Frank, m. Ida E. Brown of Canada; res. in N. L.
3. Sarah A., m., Nov. 27, 1878, Frank P., son of James M. and Harriett (Page) Jewett; res. in N. L.
4. James R., d. Dec. 2, 1872; unmarried.

PILLSBURY, ASA BURPEE.—For nearly a half-century Burpee Pillsbury has dwelt on the homestead purchased by his father, James H. Pillsbury [274]. Quiet and unpretentious in manner, of scholarly tastes, his life has been one of uneventful yet tireless occupation. Sarah (Woodward) Pillsbury, a woman of thorough cultivation, and highly esteemed by her many friends, d. Aug. 19, 1884. Children:

1. Charles E., b. June 25, 1852; learned the printer's trade in the *Mirror* office, Manchester, and was a young man of much promise; d. Nov. 11, 1879.
2. Martha H., b. Sept. 25, 1855; graduated from Colby academy, and was teaching very successfully in the Warner High school when the illness and death of her mother presented an opportunity for filial devotion that has been faithfully improved, and the declining years of the father have been cheered and blessed by the presence of his only child. Miss Pillsbury is a graceful and interesting writer, and has contributed to the *Youth's Companion* and other periodicals. In 1892 she was elected to the school board, the first woman to hold the position in this town, and was re-elected in 1895, giving to the work an intelligent, sympathetic interest that has borne good fruit.

PRESCOTT, SEWELL B.—In 1839, Sewell B. Prescott, son of Jonathan and grandson of Samuel Prescott [134], was living on Bunker hill. He was a farmer, and like all of his family a hard worker. His last years were passed in Wilmot, where he d. Aug. 7, 1862. Olive (Dickey) Prescott m. (2), August, 1865, Stephen Whittier [285]. Children:

1. Martha Jane, b. Jan. 25, 1838; d. Feb. 4, 1839.
2. James Dickey, b. April 10, 1839; m., May 3, 1863, Harriet Fellows; res. in N. L.
3. Mary Jane, b. Aug. 2, 1840; m., Aug. 11, 1861, Lorenzo J. Folsom; res. in N. L.
4. Samuel, b. June 25, 1844; was employed in scythe shops; m., at Newport, Annie Lynn of Boston, and now res. in Chattanooga, Tenn.
5. Byron Albert, b. Feb. 29, 1852; was killed by a falling tree, in a wood lot near Lake Pleasant, Nov. 5, 1866.

PRESSEY, WINTHROP.—Winthrop Pressey became a citizen of N. L. in 1844, and for several years owned the Joseph Harvey farm at the Hominy Pot. Winthrop was the son of

Amos and Betsey (Gillingham) Pressey of Sutton, b. Dec. 3, 1800; m., Nov. 23, 1833, Hannah, dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Wadleigh) Bean of Sutton. For ten years they res. at the Pressey homestead, where their children were born. After their return to Sutton they res. on "Meadow Brook farm." Mr. Pressey owed his success in life to the energy and industry with which he labored, and was a useful and honorable citizen both in his native and adopted town. Winthrop d. April 12, 1858; Hannah d. Aug. 8, 1874. Children:

1. John, b. Nov. 29, 1834; m., Nov. 28, 1860, Betsey R., dau. of Albert S. and Sally (Abbot) Worthen, b. Feb. 26, 1840. John succeeded his father on "Meadow Brook farm," which under his care became one of the finest in Sutton. The buildings were enlarged and improved, and Mr. Pressey and his able helpmeet were very successful in catering to the needs of summer guests in the pioneer days of that promising industry. Withal he was public-spirited, an earnest supporter of the Universalist faith, and a true friend. John d. December, 1894. Mrs. Pressey res. on the homestead. Children:

- (1). Emma Bell, b. Nov. 4, 1865; d. June 6, 1875.
- (2). Frank Winthrop, b. May 16, 1868; m. Maud E., dau. of William C. and Mary (Adams) Nye; res. in N. L.
- (3). Fred Albert, b. Oct. 27, 1870; m. Josie Chadwick of Sutton; owner of stage line between Bradford and N. L.
- (4). Nellie Dell, b. June 30, 1874; m. Sept. 24, 1894, Charles Follansbee; res. North Sutton. Two children.
- (5). Sadie Worthen, b. April 22, 1878; res. at home.

2. Betsey Jane, b. April 12, 1837; m., March 19, 1863, Hon. George C. Eaton of Sutton (his second wife).
3. Daniel, b. Oct. 9, 1835; d. April 11, 1836.
4. Carlos, b. April 9, 1839; d. Aug. 16, 1841.

RAY, ASA.—Asa, youngest son of William and Ruth (Harriman) Ray [277], b. Sept. 25, 1816, m., May 5, 1839, Mary Elzina, dau. of Stillman Wood, b. Oct. 22, 1820. He was a blacksmith by trade, and had a knack at all kinds of mechanical work. Asa built the Burpee Pillsbury house, on land that he bought of Hezekiah Adams, and had a blacksmith shop on the same side of the road. Later he sold to James H. Pillsbury, built the little cottage opposite, moved over his blacksmith shop, and added a shoe shop. Asa d. April 28, 1879.

Mrs. Ray, who now res. with her son Luther, possesses remarkable skill and taste in the making of rugs. Children :

1. Stillman, b. Sept. 24, 1840; m. Mary R. Lawrence of Antrim; res. Fitchburg, Mass. Children: Edwin, Mary.
2. Reuben, b. Nov. 9, 1842; enlisted Eleventh N. H. V., was wounded at Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864, appointed sergeant, and mustered out June 4, 1865; m. Addie Lawrence of Antrim, who d. suddenly while on a visit at N. L. in the summer of 1895; res. Keene. Children: Howard, Hazel.
3. Augusta, b. Dec. 25, 1844; m., March 14, 1869, Simeon Hall of Wilmot (his second wife); no children.
4. Dolly Jane, b. April 6, 1847; m. William F. Porter of Acworth; res. Boston. Children: Ernest, Maud. The Ray cottage is now owned, and occupied as a summer residence, by Ernest Porter.
5. Sarah A., b. July 29, 1849; m., Nov. 12, 1868, John F. Chadwick of Sutton; res. Boston. Children: Ethel, Ray.
6. Martin Luther, b. July 19, 1852; m. Cynthia N., dau. of E. Sargent and Ruth (Nichols) Putney; res. in N. L.
7. Lowell Loammi, b. July 9, 1854; m. and res. in N. L.
8. Laura E. F., b. June 8, 1857; m., Jan. 3, 1877, Anthony C., son of Samuel J. and Susan (Boynton) Philbrick; res. in N. L.

RAY, CALEB.—Caleb, elder of the twin sons of William and Ruth (Harriman) Ray [277], m., Nov. 15, 1832, Sarah G. Sewall of Wilmot. After his marriage Caleb res. for several years on the William Fitzgerald place, then sold to the Scythe company and removed to Royalton, Vt. Two children, Anthony and Pamela, were b. in N. L., and later res. in Royalton.

RAY, MOSES H.—In 1830 Moses Ray became a citizen of N. L., and res. on the Henry Longley place in the Scytheville district, removing after a few years to Wilmot. His wife was Mary, dau. of Samuel and Dolly (Brown) Prescott [134]. Moses was the younger of twin sons, b. to William and Ruth (Harriman) Ray [277]. Moses had a dau., Abby, who m. Isaac D. Tenney of Wilmot.

RING, EDMUND J.—Between 1840 and 1845 three families of Rings from Newbury settled in N. L. Of these brothers, Moses Holman res. opposite the E. A. Todd place at the West

Part; Obediah res. on Davis hill. Edmund J. was a farmer and mason, and also taught school. Edmund m., May 6, 1840, Miriam A., dau. of Dea. Asa and Elizabeth (Wadleigh) Nelson of Sutton, and res. for some years in the Preston house on Davis hill. He was a respected and influential citizen, and held numerous public offices. The family removed to Bradford, where Edmund d. April 5, 1887; Miriam d. March 15, 1881. Child:

1. Antoinette M., b. N. L., May 5, 1841; m., May 30, 1862, Frank Cressey of Bradford, and res. in Concord. Children:
 - (1). Willis Martin, b. Oct. 29, 1863.
 - (2). Harry Ring, b. Sept. 5, 1869.
 - (3). May Florence, b. Jan. 28, 1872.

ROBIE, STEPHEN C.—See Duraxa M., dau. of Dea. David Everett [239].

ROLFE, JOHNSON.—Johnson Rolfe, who became a resident of N. L. in 1840, removing later to Wilmot, was the son of Stephen and Mary (Johnson) Rolfe of Hillsborough. His wife was Mary, dau. of David and Sally (Harriman) White, b. June 2, 1800. Johnson was a stirring and successful trader; did teaming and ox work at Scytheville. He was especially skilful in building and repairing dams, for which he received large wages. After his removal to Wilmot he res. on what is now known as the Simon Grace place. He was killed at Wilmot by being thrown from a wagon, in May, 1870. Mary (White) Rolfe d. at the home of her dau. Mary, in 1876. She was a native of Henniker. Children.

1. Sarah, m. Charles Thompson of Wilmot, and res. in Minnesota. They have four boys.
2. Maria, m. Frank Crocker of Wilmot, a railroad man; went to Wisconsin, and d. there.
3. Mary, m. Moses, son of Asa and Lucy (Collins) Haskins; res. in N. L.
4. Lucinda, d. at 10 years of age.
5. Almina, m. Simon Grace; res. on the homestead; is deceased, leaving three children.

ROWE, JONATHAN.—Elder Jonathan Rowe in 1826 succeeded Capt. Samuel Brocklebank on the E. A. Todd farm, and res. there until he sold to James Todd in 1831.

RUSSELL, JONATHAN.—Jonathan Russell of George's Mills was for some years connected with the store at Otterville, and res. at the Benton Stanley place on Burpee hill. One son, William, was in partnership with his father for a while at Otterville, until the business was removed to George's Mills, where it has since remained in the family. Joseph also kept store at Otterville for a short time, and res. at Otterville and on Burpee hill. Jonathan was three times m. His first and second wives were sisters, and bore him three children respectively. The third wife came from "down country," and survived Jonathan. Children :

1. Robinson, m., and res. at Somerville, Mass., where he d.
2. John, m. Martha A., dau. of Horatio Fales [343]; was in business at Four Corners, then removed to Boston, where Martha d. July 28, 1852. John d. March 28, 1862.
3. William, m. Annie Whipple, and res. at George's Mills. Three children, of whom Charles is a merchant, carrying on the business established by his grandfather.
4. Oliver K., m. Mary A. B., dau. of James Todd; res. in N. L.
5. Jonathan, went West.
6. Joseph, m. Hattie Palmer; res. in Sunapee.

SANBORN, ABIJAH.—Abijah, son of Joseph Sanborn of Sanbornton, b. Jan. 4, 1809, settled in N. L. after his marriage to Mary J., dau. of Thomas and Mary (Woodman) Burpee [224], and built himself a house in the orchard near the dwelling of his father-in-law. Was a shoemaker by trade; after removing from N. L. went on whaling voyages four years, then settled on a farm at Woburn, Mass. Mary d. April 7, 1877. Children :

1. Herschel A., b. July 16, 1839; enlisted early in the Civil War, ranking as corporal; was wounded, and confined in the hospital for several months. During his illness he was befriended by Miss Elizabeth R. Anderson, whom he m. March 2, 1863. Herschel was killed at Fredericksburg, July 1, 1863, his body being recovered after days of persistent effort by his wife and her friends.
2. Mary Apphia, b. Nov. 16, 1840; m. (1), Oct. 2, 1860, William Henry Orne of Stoneham, Mass.; m. (2) Mr. Nichols; d. Nov. 15, 1893. Children :
 - (1). Herschel Almeron Orne, b. Aug. 20, 1871.
 - (2). Lizzie Nichols.
3. Eleanora, b. Nov. 13, 1843.

SANBORN, JOSIAH T.—In 1828, when Robert Pearce was running the grist-mill at the outlet of Lake Pleasant, the fulling-mill came into the hands of Josiah T. Sanborn. After Col. Anthony Colby came into possession of the mill property Sanborn still managed the fulling-mill, remaining until 1841, when he removed to Campton. Josiah was the son of Josiah and Dorothy (Thompson) Sanborn of Sanbornton, b. May 3, 1800; m., Aug. 22, 1822, Tabitha P. Sanborn. Josiah d. Northfield, Feb. 9, 1866; Tabitha d. Franklin Falls, Aug. 9, 1880, aged 82 years. Children:

1. Theodate Sarah, b. Andover, March 2, 1824; d. Campton, Aug. 19, 1843.
2. Amanda Bettina, b. Oct. 2, 1825; m. Charles M. Glines of Northfield. Children:
 - (1). Fred S., b. March 5, 1849; res. Suncook.
 - (2). Clarence W., b. Feb. 17, 1851; d. Oct. 11, 1871.
 - (3). Theodate S., b. July 29, 1857.
 - (4). Mary A., b. Nov. 2, 1867; d. Jan. 9, 1878.
3. Mary Ann, b. July 4, 1830; m., 1853, Lewis E. Edgerly of Pittsfield. Children:
 - (1). Ada A., b. Oct. 25, 1854.
 - (2). Clarabel J., b. March 23, 1856.
 - (3). Sarah A., b. Dec. 16, 1858.

SARGENT, AARON LELAND.—Aaron, second son of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent [137], b. April 22, 1802, m., Nov. 6, 1827, Jane Addison of Springfield, sister of Jonathan Addison of N. L. Built and res. in the General Clough house. Aaron d. Nov. 7, 1839; Jane d. March 26, 1864. Children:

1. Horace, b. April 29, 1831; m., Sept. 5, 1854, Roxana, dau. of Moses and Lavina (Currier) Burpee; res. in N. L.
2. Addison, b. 1834; d. Oct. 19, 1856.

SARGENT, CHARLES SEAMANS.—Charles S., youngest son of Stephen and Sarah (Perley) Sargent [144], was b. March 19, 1817. He m., Dec. 30, 1841, Judith T. Severance of Andover. Charles was a merchant tailor, and the building which formerly stood in the dooryard of the Isaac Loverin place was used by him as a tailor shop. Afterwards he had a house and store opposite the old academy, and dealt in groceries, dry goods, and ready-made clothing. The house was burned in 1884, and the store building was later remodelled into a dwelling-house

by Charles E. Shepard. Charles S. d. Jan. 7, 1890; Judith d. Sept. 22, 1887, aged 69 years. No children.

SARGENT, GEORGE W.—George, youngest of the fourteen children born to John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent [141], is the only member of the family now living, and occupies the homestead on Pleasant street. Throughout his long life he has been an honorable citizen of his native town, respected by his fellow-men for his strict integrity and genuine worth. His wife was Emily G., oldest dau. of Isaac and Sally (Richardson) Bunker [330], a woman whose modest excellence of character found happiest appreciation at her own fireside. Emily d. Feb. 16, 1898. Children:

1. John Henry, b. Dec. 28, 1849; d. Aug. 11, 1851.
2. Elbridge Colby, b. July 1, 1852; m., March 1, 1880, Addie F., dau. of Lewis and Emily (Winship) Robbins of New Ipswich; removed to Ameniam, North Dakota, where he is engaged in farming. Emily d. May 20, 1896. Children:
 - (1). Lura Emily, b. Feb. 6, 1882.
 - (2). Alice Bunker, b. Sept. 1, 1883.
 - (3). Addie Mildred, b. Aug. 9, 1888.
3. Frank Edgar, b. July 15, 1855; unmarried; went to Ameniam in 1879, where he now res.
4. Willis J., b. March 20, 1859; res. on the homestead, relieving his father of the burdens of advancing years; is a member of the Grange.

(Since the above sketch was given to the printer Mr. Sargent has passed to the farther shore, his death having occurred suddenly, May 24, 1898, after a brief illness.)

SARGENT, GILMAN P.—Gilman, son of William and Susanna (Segur) Sargent [281], followed his father on the farm at the West Part. The William Sargent house originally stood above the Roberts place, and is said to have been built by Edmund Davis. His widow, Lydia (Morgan) Davis, and "Aunt Sally" Brocklebank occupied it for many years; then William Sargent bought and moved it. Gilman's wife, Cynthia, was the dau. of Dea. Gideon Wilkins [287]. Gilman d. Dec. 22, 1842; Cynthia d. Dec. 15, 1846. A child, aged 2 years, d. Feb. 18, 1843. Two other children, Rufus and a dau.

SARGENT, MARCUS E.—Marcus was the oldest son of Stephen and Sarah (Perley) Sargent [144], b. May 30, 1801. He m.,

Dec. 27, 1829, Ann Severance of Andover, b. May 11, 1806. Marcus built the William S. Messer house, and res. there for a time. He kept the store at Scytheville two years, then returned to the hill and purchased the Gage Woodward house, where he res. until after the death of his wife, Jan. 25, 1883. He then res. with his youngest son in Lynn, Mass., and d. there, Feb. 13, 1885. Children:

1. Proctor P., b. Oct. 7, 1830; m. Miss Ann Mead of N. L.; travelled in California; d. in New Orleans, Feb. 28, 1865.
2. Amy A., b. April 12, 1883; m., June 5, 1855, Franklin Prentice Nichols of Springfield; res. in the West; Amy soon returned to N. L. in feeble health, and d. Aug. 13, 1857. No children.
3. Story Low, b. Feb. 24, 1837; m., Feb. 28, 1865, Mary M. Sowers of Virginia; res. in Americus, Kan. Children:
 - (1). Anthony Colby, b. Oct. 21, 1866.
 - (2). Curtis H., b. Feb. 27, 1870.
 - (3). Eddie, b. Nov. 13, 1871.
 - (4). Robert M., b. Dec. 4, 1873.
 - (5). John Gibson, b. Sept. 7, 1875.
 - (6). Frank Nichols, b. April 7, 1877.
4. James Severance, b. Nov. 8, 1839; d. July, 1877.
5. Anthony Burpee, b. Nov. 29, 1846; m. and res. in Lynn, Mass.

SARGENT, SETH FREEMAN.—Seth Freeman was the oldest son of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent [137], b. June 16, 1799. Polly, his wife, was the dau. of John and Molly (Brocklebank) Adams [69], b. Aug. 29, 1799. At the time of his marriage he purchased half of the Joseph Putney farm on Morgan hill, and built a house near the road just north of the tannery. In 1839 he bought of Richard Everett the farm now owned by his son, Ransom F. Sargent. The big willow at Bucklin's corner grew from a cow stick planted by Seth Freeman Sargent in his boyhood days. Seth d. April 21, 1886; Polly d. June 30, 1873. Children:

1. Ransom, b. Aug. 7, 1824; d. Aug. 10, 1825.
2. Cyrilla Hall, b. Aug. 24, 1836; m., Feb. 16, 1850, George W. F., son of James and Olive (Fuller) Hayes (his second wife), and res. in N. L.
3. Ransom F., b. March 16, 1837; m., Sept. 12, 1862, Emily Maria, dau. of Ausbon and Emily (Eaton) French, b. Aug. 16, 1841; res. in N. L.

SARGENT, SYLVANUS T.—Sylvanus, son of Ebenezer and Prudence (Chase) Sargent [137], res. for a few years on the homestead, later in the Stephen D. Messer house. This, the only brick house in town, was built by Sylvanus, who burned the bricks from clay dug near the old schoolhouse, which stood a little north of the present structure. He then removed to Franklin, going from thence to Enfield, where his first wife d. Sylvanus m. (2), June 14, 1858, Azubah W., dau. of Phillip and Lydia (Willoughby) Roby of Sutton, b. Aug. 27, 1814, and was at that time living in Danbury. Azubah d. Sept. 7, 1894. Sylvanus now res. at Plymouth. Children:

1. Isabel, b. Oct. 27, 1831; m., Sept. 18, 1860, Charles C., son of Jeremiah and Sally (Dole) Pingree; res. in N. L.
2. Herman Logan, graduate of Colby academy; m. and res. in Plymouth.
3. Fernando C., m. Mary Garland; was a physician; res. near Danbury Depot.
4. Ann Eliza, m. Elmer French of Franklin, and had a son, Byron; is deceased.
5. James, b. Franklin; m. Carrie Draper, and res. in Danbury, where he d. Feb. 3, 1894. Child: George A.
6. George, m. Annie Knowlton of Danbury, where they res.
7. Charles, became insane, and shot himself in Danbury.
8. Emmeline, b. Oct. 18, 1853; d. May 8, 1867.

SAWYER, REV. REUBEN.—Rev. Reuben Sawyer, who followed Rev. Oren Tracy as pastor of the Baptist church from 1836 to 1843, was the son of Rev. Isaac Sawyer, and was b. in Monkton, Vt., March 11, 1798. He m., at West Haven, Vt., in 1819, Laura Wyman, and it was after his marriage that he was converted under his father's preaching and was baptized by him. From 1822 to 1824 he studied at Hamilton Theological seminary, and was ordained pastor at West Haven, Vt., remaining there until his call to N. L. The years that he spent here were those of manhood's prime, and he gave himself wholly up to the arduous demands upon his time and strength, holding two and three preaching services on the Sabbath, and other labors in proportion, besides serving as trustee of the state convention from 1836 to 1839. He gave much to the church, and his reward was a rich harvest of souls, and the strong affection and sympathy of his people. As one of the founders of the original New London academy, he felt a deep interest in



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the school, and one of his sons, Rev. A. W. Sawyer, D. D., later president of Acadia college, at Wolfville, Nova Scotia, was principal of the New London institution from 1864 to 1869. Another son, Rev. E. R. Sawyer, is stationed at Sandy Hill, N. Y. After leaving N. L., Mr. Sawyer held successful pastorates in Vermont and New York, and d. at Leyden, N. Y., after protracted illness, June 29, 1869.

SEAMANS, BENJAMIN WOODBURY.—The only son of Job and Olive (Woodbury) Seamans [281] who lived to mature manhood was Benjamin Woodbury, b. March 22; 1816. He m., September, 1841, Harriet Jones of Ashby, Mass. Benjamin began his mercantile career with Greenwood & Colby, and later did business with Governor Colby under the firm name of Colby & Seamans, and res. over the store now occupied by E. J. Wells. After a few years he removed to Boston and engaged in business. Benjamin d. Athol, Mass., Nov. 16, 1866; Harriet d. Lexington, Mass., Feb. 8, 1885. No children.

SEAMANS, DANIEL SHEPARD.—“Uncle Daniel,” grandson of Elder Job and son of Manning and Abigail (Shepard) Seamans [282], b. March 17, 1818, is the only member of the third generation now living in N. L. He first worked for Governor Colby (seven years), and drove an eight-horse team between N. L. and Boston the greater part of that time; then went to Exeter, and drove six horses, teaming for the Governor, for two years. In 1840 he drove a party of six (one of whom was Charles Connor, clerk of court for more than thirty years) from Exeter to Concord, to attend the Tippecanoe celebration. Was in stage and livery business at Exeter for a while, and drove stage to Hampton beach. He then returned to N. L., “kept tavern” at the Herrick house for eighteen months, and in 1851 bought the present homestead, which he enlarged and improved in 1880. “Uncle Daniel,” therefore, has a record as tavern-keeper in his native town for very nearly a half-century. In all these years he has entertained guests “according to their demands,” has turned no one hungry from his door, and never had sign or bar (at either place). Daniel m., Jan. 1, 1845, Frances Mary, dau. of John and Lydia (Gerrish) Dodge of Exeter, b. Sept. 22, 1819. Frances d. of pneumonia March 19, 1893. Children:

1. Frances Abby, b. Jan. 12, 1845; d. Jan. 30, 1877.
2. Caroline Dodge, b. July 21, 1847; m., Jan. 11, 1885, George E., son of George and Abigail (Hill) Shepard [154], b. March 28, 1840; res. in Franklin. No children.
3. Henrietta Pearson, b. Aug. 19, 1851; m., Feb. 21, 1883, Bradbury Dunbar (a native of West Lebanon) of Malden, Mass., where they res. Mr. Dunbar is commercial traveller for Slatterbeck & Morse, druggists' sundries, of Portland, Me.
4. John Augustus, b. Jan. 2, 1854; m., Jan. 26, 1886, Kate MacKinnon, dau. of Joseph MacKinnon of Charlestown, P. E. I., b. Oct. 13, 1865; res. in N. L.
5. Charles Lewis, b. July 11, 1857; d. May 5, 1858.

SHEPARD, SAMUEL.—Samuel, third son of Ebenezer and Sally (Burpee) Shepard [152], after his marriage to Phebe, dau. of Eli Haskins of Grafton and a sister of Asa L. Haskins who came to N. L., [349] settled in Grafton, going by spotted trees a mile into the forest and making a clearing in the dense woods. In the five years that the family lived there the two oldest children were born, and they then removed to Danbury. In 1834 Samuel had returned to N. L., and his father settled on him the home place. The Otis Everett farm was purchased in 1842, and there Samuel res. until his death, May 19, 1861. Phebe d. June 12, 1861. Children:

1. William Haskins, b. July 8, 1824; m. (1), June 20, 1853, Emmeline C., dau. of William Todd of N. L., b. Dec. 11, 1828. Emmeline d. Oct. 5, 1854, and William m. (2), Oct. 24, 1866, Frances Maria, dau. of E. Willard Frisbie, M. D., of Phelps, N. Y. In 1846 William went to Nashville, Tenn., to work for his uncle, James G. Shepard, on the *Nashville Union*. From there he went overland to California in 1849, the wagon train taking one hundred days for the trip from St. Joseph, Mo., to Shasta, Cal.; and in all that time they saw neither house, tent, nor woman. A few years of this rough life was enough, and returning home he m. and went to live in Alden, N. Y. After the death of his first wife he went to Mankato, Minn., m. a second time, and has since res. there. Children:
 - (1). Mary Emmeline, b. May 12, 1854; m., Sept. 16, 1874, Thomas Parke, son of George Gere of Chatfield, Minn., and res. in Sioux City, Ia. Their children are,—(a) A dau. who d. in infancy. (b) Margaret Shepard, b. St. Paul, Minn., June 24, 1877. (c) George William, b.



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- Sept. 12, 1880; d. July 28, 1881. (d) Nellie Crippen, twin to George William; d. Aug. 2, 1881. (e) Thomas Parke, Jr., b. March 16, 1886. (f) Frances Shepard, b. Oct. 19, 1887. (g) Hedges Champlin, b. June 8, 1889.
- (2). Frances Frisbie, b. Mankato, Sept. 22, 1869.
- (3). William Frisbie, b. Dec. 4, 1871.
2. Lucina Hill, b. Nov. 5, 1826; m., Nov. 1, 1858, Adna Sylvester, son of Micajah Fowler of Sutton; res. in N. L.
3. Sarah Burpee, b. July 10, 1828; m., Jan. 22, 1849, William Slade, a native of Alstead, and res. in Watervliet, N. Y., removing later to Merrimack, Wis., where Sarah d. April 27, 1859. William Slade was a farmer. He was b. March 16, 1822; d. Sept. 27, 1889, in Adrian, Minn. Children:
- (1). Emma Frances, b. Dec. 17, 1849; d. Feb. 27, 1851.
- (2). Alice Benham, b. Aug. 11, 1852; d. Dec. 29, 1868.
- (3). George Shepard, b. July 21, 1854; m. Nettie R. Dunham, b. June 22, 1857; res. in Adrian, Minn. Children: (a) Roxie M., b. Aug. 30, 1880. (b) Charles W., b. Nov. 12, 1882. (c) Musa, b. July 23, 1885. (d) Max D., b. Nov. 23, 1888. (e) Dorris, b. March 1, 1891.
- (4). William, Jr., b. June 22, 1856; d. July 4, 1857.
- (5). Charles Walter, b. Sept. 19, 1858; m. Carrie A. Orvis of Baraboo, Wis., b. May 12, 1862; res. in Adrian, Minn. Children: (a), (b) Twins, who d. in infancy. (c) Jessie A., b. Aug. 30, 1883.
4. Rhoda Emily, b. Nov. 19, 1830; m., Oct. 20, 1853, James Greeley, son of Capt. Marshall Trayne of N. L.; res. in Merrimack, Wis., where James engaged in farming, and later was a merchant at Baraboo, Wis. Rhoda d. April 14, 1891. Children:
- (1). Arthur Tappan, b. March 11, 1855; m. Cora Cameron of Michigan, who is deceased, leaving two children.
- (2). Mary Shepard, b. Nov. 10, 1857; d. Aug. 17, 1864.
- (3). Emma Julia, b. July 7, 1860; d. Aug. 25, 1864.
- (4). Alice Edith, b. Jan. 15, 1863; m., Nov. 25, 1885, Harrison Case Newell of Baraboo, b. Jan. 13, 1863. They res. in Sioux Falls, So. Dakota, where he is a merchant. Child: (a) Emily T., b. April 9, 1892.
- (5). Charles Coddington, b. Aug. 6, 1865; d. Jan. 9, 1869.
- (6). Mary, b. March 19, 1868; d. June 26, 1870.
- (7). Frank, b. Aug. 12, 1870.
5. Samuel George, b. March 27, 1833; m., March 12, 1857, Malvina Abbie, dau. of John Mussey of Sutton, b. Corinth, Me.,

Aug. 11, 1832. Samuel is a farmer, and res. in Merrimack, Wis. Children:

- (1). Samuel, b. Jan. 26, 1858; m., Oct. 4, 1879, Elsie S., dau. of Philip Runyon of Spencer, Ia.; is a railroad engineer, and res. in Minneapolis, Minn. Children: (a) George Philip, b. Aug. 12, 1880; d. in infancy. (b) Grace Harriet, b. Jan. 9, 1882. (c) Frank T., b. March 16, 1883. (d) James Eli, b. Oct. 24, 1885. (e) Elsie Malvina, b. Nov. 26, 1888. (f) Bert Shepard, b. June 27, 1891; d. in infancy.
- (2). George Bert, b. Nov. 7, 1863; d. Jan. 4, 1885.
6. Martha Albina, b. April 14, 1835; unmarried. Martha went to Wisconsin in 1861, and since then her life has been spent in the West. She graduated at Ripon college in 1872, held prominent positions as teacher in Ohio, Minnesota, and Dakota, and for seven years was one of four missionaries doing pioneer work among the Sioux Indians in the Normal Training school at Santee Agency, Nebraska. Loss of health compelled her to leave this most interesting work, and when she was again able to labor for the cause she loved, she went to Iowa among the Sacs and Foxes. For seven years, ending in 1895, she was connected with an orphan asylum in Milwaukee, Wis., serving for five years as matron. Thus her whole life has been one of unselfish service for others.
7. Sylvester Foster, b. Nov. 23, 1837; m., Aug. 2, 1876, Helen, dau. of Orsino Comstock, b. Feb. 10, 1849; res. in Janesville, Minn., and is a farmer. Children:
 - (1). Helen Comstock, b. April 28, 1877.
 - (2). George Sylvester, b. Oct. 20, 1878.
 - (3). John Comstock, b. Nov. 7, 1879.
 - (4). May Comstock, b. Aug. 12, 1883.
 - (5). Frank Cleveland, b. July 30, 1887.
 - (6). Charles Orsino, b. Feb. 26, 1890.
8. Abigail Seamans, b. Dec. 11, 1839; m., April 14, 1862, Jacob H., son of James Todd; res. in N. L.
9. James Eli, b. March 13, 1842; m., Nov. 9, 1863, Lucia, dau. of Mark Nelson; res. in N. L.
10. Franklin Pierce, b. Oct. 12, 1844; d. Oct. 12, 1845.

SHOLES, WILLIAM S.—William S., son of Prentiss and Zer-viah Sholes of Claremont, came to N. L. in 1845, and settled on the Jewett place at Burpee hill. Later he removed to Springfield, near the Fisher farms. William m. Sally, dau. of Edmund and Nancy (Messer) Davis [234], who in 1896 was

living with her dau. Ellen in Springfield, Mass. William d. Sept. 10, 1860, aged 53 years, 2 months, 11 days. Children :

1. Albert E., b. Claremont, 1835 ; m. Cynthia Quimby of Manchester ; served in Second N. H. V. ; res in Springfield, Mass., where he d. Child : Edward J. ; res. in N. L.
2. Ellen, m. F. D. Clement, and res. in Springfield, Mass. Children : Waldo, Frank.
3. Nancy, m. Fred Houseman, and res. 56 Kneeland street, Boston. No children.
4. Sarah, never m. ; res. in Springfield.
5. George P., b. Dec. 1, 1842 ; m., Jan. 1, 1873, Helen, dau. of Newton and Hepsibette (Thompson) Manahan ; res. in N. L.
6. Isabel, m. Edward Johnson, and res. in Sacramento, Cal. Child : Lena.

STACY, AMBROSE.—In 1840 Ambrose Stacy and his wife Dorcas were living in a house opposite the Manahan place in the West Part. Mrs. John Manahan, who cared for them in their age and feebleness, was given the property. Ambrose d. Oct. 23, 1850, aged 76 ; Dorcas d. September, 1840.

TODD, ELI.—Eli was the youngest of five Todd brothers, natives of Francestown, who removed to N. L. between 1825 and 1850. The earliest ancestor of the Todd families was the emigrant, Col. Andrew Todd, the son of James and Rachel (Nelson) Todd, natives of Scotland. Andrew was b. in Ireland in 1697, m. Beatrix, dau. of John Moore, and on emigrating to America, about 1720, settled in Londonderry, where he soon became a leading citizen. Samuel, the second of his eight children, b. June 3, 1726, m. in 1762 Ann Cochran (his second wife), and res. in Peterborough. James, youngest of the four children of Samuel, was b. in Peterborough, April 3, 1764, and d. in Francestown, Dec. 8, 1841 ; m. (1) Unity Page of Goffstown, b. May 11, 1768, who bore him eleven children, and d. Oct. 21, 1808 ; m. (2) Sarah (Miller) Duncan, and had two more children, thirteen in all.

Six of these children became residents of N. L., and founded families whose names are synonymous with sterling worth and true citizenship. Roxana, the dau., m. Perley Ayer [328] ; Eli, b. July 19, 1804, m., Sept. 15, 1833, Abigail H., dau. of Dea. Asa and Elizabeth (Wadleigh) Nelson of Sutton, b. Oct. 1, 1814. Eli was a miller by trade, and coming to N. L. at

the time of his marriage, settled first on the Harvey farm at Otterville, then lived at Wilmot Flat for a time, and finally settled at "Todd corner," where he built the house which was removed to Adeline's hill by Edwin Ashby in 1895. Eli also res. in the Nelson Todd house, which he bought of Israel Hunting. Eli d. April 23, 1881; Abigail d. Jan. 22, 1876. Children:

1. Janet Sevira, b. Jan. 20, 1834; m., August, 1854, Benjamin Frank Davis, and res. in Bradford; d. January, 1866. Child:
 - (1). Elizabeth H., b. Oct. 9, 1856; m., December, 1877, William G. Hoyt; res. in Bradford. Children: (a) Eva J., b. Aug. 4, 1880. (b) Ina Frances, b. Jan. 14, 1888.
2. Asa Nelson, b. May 24, 1836; m., June 7, 1860, Maroa C. Harvey of Sutton; res. in N. L.
3. George Sumner, b. Feb. 5, 1839; d. Aug. 10, 1851.
4. Sarah Elizabeth, b. April 7, 1841; m., May 1, 1866, Thomas J. Courser of Webster; d. March 9, 1876. Children:
 - (1). Emma J., b. Oct. 30, 1867.
 - (2). George W., b. April 7, 1871.
 - (3). Fred W., b. Sept. 19, 1872.
 - (4). Sarah A., b. Feb. 22, 1876.
5. Abby Maroa, b. Dec. 10, 1846; never m.; res. with her parents and brother Nelson; inherited the Nelson "faculty" for teaching, leaving a record of twenty-five successful terms; d. Jan. 29, 1890.
6. Harriet, b. Sept. 22, 1851; d. April 5, 1852.
7. Frank Walter, b. Feb. 10, 1854; m., April 27, 1878, Ellen S. Kezar of Sutton; res. in N. L.

TODD, JAMES.—James, ninth child of James and Unity (Page) Todd, was b. July 8, 1802; m., Nov. 8, 1831, Mary Starrett, dau. of Jacob D. and Tryphena Dodge of New Boston, b. May 16, 1813. James came to N. L. in 1828, and in company with his stepmother's son, Hiram Duncan, was in trade in the old Woodman store on Summer street until it burned down; later was associated with his brother-in-law, Perley Ayer. James became an influential citizen in his adopted town, and held numerous public offices. After his marriage he res. on the Edward A. Todd place at the West Part. The Dodges were among the leading New Boston families, and were early settlers, Jacob D., b. July 6, 1788, being the son of Nathaniel

Dodge, b. 1755, and Sarah Bailey, b. 1753. Hon. J. R. Dodge, the eminent statistician of Washington, D. C., is a brother of Mary (Dodge) Todd, and has for many years spent his summers at N. L. with his niece, Rosaline (Todd) Burpee. James Todd d. Nov. 15, 1876; Mary d. Nov. 28, 1886. Children:

1. Mary Anstice Bradford, b. Aug. 20, 1832; m., Sept. 17, 1855, Oliver K. Russell; res. in N. L.
2. James Austin, b. July 19, 1834; m., Oct. 5, 1864, at Osborn, Ohio, Laura Brake; res. in Springfield, O., and has three children.
3. Jacob Horace, b. Feb. 2, 1837; m., April 14, 1862, at Sauk County, Wis., Abigail S., dau. of Samuel Shepard of N. L.; res. in N. L.
4. Rosaline Parasina, b. Dec. 27, 1838; m., Feb. 15, 1859, at Bradford, Edwin P. Burpee; res. in N. L.
5. Roxana Elizabeth, b. Sept. 15, 1840; m., Feb. 11, 1861, at Newport, Jonathan L. Loverin; res. in N. L.
6. Onslow Byron, b. Nov. 7, 1842; m. Ella Amanda Batdorf; res. Springfield, O., and has two children.
7. Harriet Emma, b. July 16, 1844; d. June 1, 1868.
8. Hiram Frank, b. Feb. 3, 1849; d. Oct. 1, 1851.
9. Charles H. F., b. Aug. 19, 1851; d. Aug. 16, 1854.
10. Edward Ava, b. March 6, 1854; m., Dec. 28, 1875, at Claremont, Alice A. Trow; res. in N. L.

TODD, NATHANIEL C.—Nathaniel, fifth child of James and Unity (Page) Todd, was b. March 23, 1793; m. (1) Sally, dau. of Benjamin and Mary (McPherson) Deane of Frances-town, b. Nov. 11, 1794, and removed to Sutton. Both Nathaniel and his older brother, William, res. for some years in Sutton, and the "History of Sutton" says of them,—“They “were people of refined taste, good intellect, and attractive “social qualities, and always considered very honorable in “their dealings. It was a loss to the town when they moved “out of it.” Nathaniel came to N. L. in 1828, lived for a while on the Joseph Fletcher place on the Sutton line, was in Newport for some years, and on returning to N. L. purchased the “old” George Williams house. His first wife bore him three children, and d. April 2, 1825, and Nathaniel m. (2), Oct. 20, 1825, Delia (Fletcher) Gile, sister of Joel Fletcher [244], and widow of Benjamin Gile [251], who was the mother of his three youngest children. In their old age Nathaniel

and his wife were cared for by Mrs. Todd's granddaughter, Hattie (Farnum) Williams, and her husband, and they received the property. Nathaniel d. Dec. 5, 1879; Delia d. July 15, 1875, aged 87 years. Children:

1. Sarah J., b. June 26, 1817; m. George S. Ellis of Frances-town; res. in N. L.
2. Lucretia, b. April 8, 1819; d. May 23, 1832, of scarlet fever.
3. Benjamin, b. Nov. 16, 1821; enlisted in the Civil War (New York Zouaves); was regimental color bearer, and was killed while on duty, shot by several balls.
4. James E., b. Aug. 2, 1826; d. May 6, 1832, of scarlet fever.
5. Roxana, b. Feb. 28, 1829; d. May 22, 1832, of scarlet fever.
6. Mary Adelaide, b. Dec. 1, 1835; m. Charles Fletcher, grandson of Joel Fletcher [244].

TODD, ROBERT.—Robert, eighth child of James and Unity (Page) Todd, was b. Oct. 20, 1800; m., Nov. 16, 1826, Charlotte F. Witherspoon of Antrim, b. April 16, 1803. Robert res. in Mill Village (Francesstown) for several years, and removed to N. L. in 1840. He was a shoemaker by trade, an industrious and worthy citizen, and was much respected. He res. on the Prescott farm at Crockett's corner, and afterwards purchased the Jacob H. Todd place of John Gates. His wife, the dau. of Alexander and Janet (Starret) Witherspoon, was of Scottish descent. The Starrets are said to be of Clan Chattan, a dau. of which ran away with a British soldier, who to escape detection took the name of Starret. Charlotte d. in the Jacob Todd house, Oct. 16, 1875, and Robert then res. with his son Henry until his death, Jan. 2, 1880. Children, all b. in Francesstown except the youngest:

1. Austin R., b. April 9, 1830; m., Aug. 12, 1858, Sarah Farwell; res. in N. L.
2. Emily A., b. Sept. 26, 1832; m., Oct. 9, 1851, Richard Oren Messer; res. in N. L.
3. Harriet Frances, b. Dec. 26, 1835; m., May 24, 1857, Edwin A. Jones; res. in N. L.
4. Charles S., b. July 9, 1838; d. Nov. 6, 1856.
5. Henry M., b. Jan. 3, 1846; m., Aug. 6, 1875, H. Maria Buswell; res. in N. L.

TODD, WILLIAM.—The oldest of the five Todd brothers who became citizens of N. L., was William, b. March 12, 1789. He m., Feb. 3, 1813, Mary Center of Goffstown, and from

1820 to 1822 res. in N. L. The next ten years he lived across the Sutton line, in buildings then standing on the Joseph Fletcher place. It was during this time that he lost the four children then living by scarlet fever. In 1831 William removed to the West Part, opposite the Edward A. Todd place, and many years afterwards to the Smiley Bohanan house on Summer street, to be near his brother, Nathaniel, for whom he seems to have had a strong affection. William d. May 21, 1880, in his 92d year; Mary d. June 17, 1880, aged 85 years. Children:

1. Frederick, never m.; was in wool business in New York and Manchester; d. in N. L., May 19, 1867.
2. Mary Jane, never m.; res. with her parents and brother Nathaniel; d. N. L., Aug. 25, 1888.
3. Emmeline, b. Dec. 11, 1828; m., June 20, 1853, William H., oldest son of Samuel and Phebe (Haskins) Shepard [384].
4. Hiram, m. Ann Greeley; res. at Wilmot Flat; is deceased. Child: Walter.
5. Nathaniel, m. Delia, youngest child of Dea. John and Patty (Cheney) Morse of Newbury; res. in N. L.

TOWLE, DAVID.—David Towle, son of Isaac and Nancy (Pillsbury) Towle of Francestown, b. March 4, 1797, became a citizen of N. L. in 1830, and built the Newton Sargent house on Burpee hill. David d. April 13, 1872. Mrs. David Towle d. Dec. 19, 1876. Children:

1. George H., b. Oct. 6, 1832; m., (1), May 7, 1857, Theoda Ware of Gilsum, b. June 22, 1832, who d. Sept. 18, 1870; m. (2), Oct. 26, 1871, Mary A. Goward of Claremont, b. March 20, 1844. George removed to Newport in 1857; was engaged in manufacturing for several years, then purchased a farm at Kelleyville (Newport); was selectman in 1875-1876; d. March, 1895. Children:
 - (1). George W., b. March 7, 1861.
 - (2). Charles H., b. Jan. 16, 1867.
 - (3). Loran D., b. March 25, 1874.
2. Georgianna, b. 1847; m., Sept. 29, 1869, Charles H. Stearns of Manchester.
3. Frank, became a minister.
4. Eliza, m. Darius, son of Samuel Burpee [223].
5. Marshall K., d. April 2, 1869.
6. Charles, is deceased.

TRACY, REV. OREN.—The next settled pastor of the Baptist

church after Elder Job Seamans was the Rev. Oren Tracy, who came to N. L. in the fall of 1827 and was ordained as pastor Jan. 30, 1828. Mr. Tracy was eminently qualified to succeed the aged man of God who for nearly forty years had walked with this people. In the prime of early manhood, tender and sympathetic by nature, thoroughly educated, and full of enthusiasm, he brought to his task a freshness and vigor of mind that won the hearts of all. Judge Sargent said of him: "He had great sympathy with and influence over young people. All the children loved Elder Tracy. I was twelve years old when he came here, and no man did so much as he to arouse in me a love of learning and a determination to obtain a liberal education at whatever cost. Mr. Tracy, I need not say, was my favorite minister; and Mrs. Tracy was a good, kind, pleasant, motherly woman, who seemed to take as much interest in the people and children as he did."

The secret of Elder Tracy's remarkable success was the earnestness and sympathy which he brought to bear on whatever he undertook. He made temperance the fashion by the force of his own straightforward example. It was under his preaching that the great revival, unparalleled in the history of the church, took place in the winter of 1831-1832. The older people of to-day still remember that special season of Divine grace, and among the hallowed memories of the old church of the early fathers there is none more precious than of the two Sabbaths in that season when Mr. Tracy gave the hand of fellowship to the more than eighty members then added to the church, standing in the shadow of the pulpit where his aged predecessor had so faithfully expounded the doctrines of the Gospel. (Mrs. Mary (Greenwood) Runyon [252] was the youngest person baptized and received into the church at this time.) Elder Tracy did a work in the church and town that will never be forgotten, for it was due largely to his influence that educational advantages were given a prominence that resulted in the excellent school facilities with which the town has since been favored.

Oren Tracy was the son of Cyrus and Hannah (Lillie) Tracy, b. Tunbridge, Vt., June 18, 1798. He fitted himself for the ministry at Waterville college in Maine, and was

ordained in East Stoughton, Mass., Nov. 9, 1825. During the first year of his ministry he m. Miss Marcia Billings of Royalton, Vt., a strong and true helpmeet in all the labors to which he was called. A little headstone in the village churchyard, with the inscription, "Oren Lane, son of Oren and M. B. Tracy, died April 23, 1832, aet. 4 wks.," tells its own story of a grief that shadowed their early married life. On leaving N. L., Mr. Tracy was settled for two years at Newport, and the succeeding decade was spent in Massachusetts. From 1847 to 1849 he was agent of the American Baptist Missionary union in New England, and from 1851 to 1862 of the American Baptist Home Missionary society, having his home at Concord, this state. The last three years of his life were spent at Greenfield, Mass., where he d. Sept. 6, 1863, in the sixty-sixth year of his age and the forty-fourth of his ministry. Mrs. Tracy, who survived him, res. with her dau., Mrs. Marcia (Tracy) Elliott, of Boston, Mass. Another dau., Susan, m. W. W. Marple, 56 Wollaston Heights, Boston.

TRAYNE, CAPT. MARSHALL.—Capt. Marshall Trayne, who was in trade with Perley Ayer, and later in company with his brother-in-law, Capt. Samuel Greenwood, came to N. L. about 1823, from Weston, Mass., and was the oldest son of Nahum and Louisa (Fiskes) Trayne of that town. In the early days "Brother Trayne's" was a favorite stopping-place with Elder Seamans in his journeys "down country," and it was doubtless through his influence that both the Trayne and Greenwood families became established in N. L. Captain Trayne was a man of pleasant, social disposition, and a great favorite with the young people. He m., Feb. 16, 1827, Mary S., dau. of 'Squire Jonathan and Polly (Shepard) Greeley [105], b. Feb. 27, 1802. They res. in the Smiley Bohanan house, which was built by Captain Trayne. He d. Oct. 25, 1839; she d. March 19, 1847. Two little graves beside the parents' contain the dust of Martha L., a "twin daughter," who d. April 13, 1836, and an "Infant daughter" who d. April 1, 1838. The surviving children were,—

1. Harriet, m. Mr. Quigley and res. in Denver, Col.
2. James, b. March 2, 1830; m. Rhoda Emily, dau. of Samuel and Phebe (Haskins) Shepard of N. L. See Rhoda Emily, under same [384] for family.
3. Maria, m. Mr. Remington, and res. in Baraboo, Wis.

TROW, NATHAN.—The “Trow place” near Otterville was occupied in 1828 by Nathan Trow. His sons, Anthony and Elihu, went West; Elihu to California, where he became wealthy. Nathan himself went West about 1870.

TRUSSELL, EZEKIEL K.—Ezekiel Knowlton, son of Moses and Sarah (Knowlton) Trussell [163], m., Feb. 9, 1825, Emily, dau. of Stephen and Miriam (Wood) Colburn of Lebanon. (Stephen Colburn was a volunteer in the Revolution, and was stationed in Canada, where he nearly lost his life by starvation.) Their children were all b. in N. L., but the parents passed their declining years at Wilmot. Ezekiel d. April 16, 1872; Emily d. Feb. 15, 1882. Children:

1. Marcia Jane, b. Nov. 12, 1826; m., August, 1854, W. W. Boardman; d. April, 1891, leaving three children.
2. James Henry, b. Sept. 26, 1828; m., Nov. 18, 1857, Mary Elizabeth Hill; res. in Champlin, Minn., where he d. March 15, 1895. Children:
 - (1). Emma Frances, b. Jan 11, 1859; d. Dec. 20, 1895.
 - (2). Sumner L., b. Oct. 29, 1860.
 - (3). Thomas Ezekiel, b. June 29, 1863; m., and res. in Champlin, Minn.; d. March 26, 1897, leaving Ralph J. and John W., both under 5 years of age.
 - (4). Marcia Etta, d. aged 2 months.
 - (5). Luther M., d. aged 5 years.
3. Charles Francis, b. Nov. 18, 1831; m. (1), March 18, 1857, Margaret Ann Goodhue, b. Dec. 9, 1833, dau. of Jacob and Mary (Ayer) Goodhue of Wilmot, and a descendant in the seventh generation of William Goodhue, b. England, 1612-3, and Margery Watson of Kent, who emigrated to America 1635-6, settling at Ipswich, Mass.; m. (2), Nov. 7, 1861, Candace Reed Martin; is pastor of the Freewill Baptist church at Wilmot, where his children, two by each wife, were born. They are,—
 - (1). Nellie A., b. Dec. 22, 1857; res. at home.
 - (2). Willie F., b. Dec. 29, 1860; m., Dec. 20, 1895; is a minister, and settled at Dodge Centre, Minn. It is through the courtesy of Rev. W. F. Trussell and his father that the facts of the Trussell ancestry can be presented so fully.
 - (3). Flora Etta, b. April 28, 1866.
 - (4). Ida Reed, b. Jan. 5, 1875.
4. Marietta Emily, b. Sept. 6, 1833; res., unmarried, at Wilmot Centre.

TRUSSELL, JOSEPH.—The youngest son of Joseph and Anna (Hooker) Trussell [163] was Joseph, the last miller at the Hominy Pot, who lived in the low red house at the fork of the road near the bridge. Helen (Kezar) Trussell d. Nov. 7, 1847, aged 31 years, and Joseph m. (2), in 1850, Fannie, dau. of Daniel and Fannie (Fay) Poor. With no surviving children to care for them, Joseph and his wife found a home in their later years with his niece by marriage, Mrs. Fannie (Kezar) Bohanan, who faithfully cared for them as old age and illness came upon them. Joseph d. Nov. 17, 1893; Fannie (Poor) Trussell d. June 5, 1888. Children:

1. Martha N., b. Jan. 25, 1842; d. April 20, 1858.
2. Mary E., b. Dec. 24, 1844; d. Feb. 18, 1855.
3. Helen F., b. Nov. 8, 1846; d. March 9, 1847.

TRUSSELL, LUTHER M.—Luther Montgomery, youngest son of Moses and Sarah (Knowlton) Trussell [163], was b. in Hopkinton, and was two years old when his father removed to N. L. He built the house on Main street long known as "The Willows" from the huge trees that overhang the buildings, now owned by Oren D. Crockett. Luther m., Oct. 14, 1849, Eliza Story of Hopkinton, who d. at N. L., Sept. 8, 1877, aged 65 years. After the marriage of his younger dau., Luther made his home with her, and d. Springvale, Me., May 9, 1888. Children:

1. Sarah Elizabeth, b. July 30, 1843; m., April 8, 1875, John W. Morse, and res. in N. L.
2. Mary Knowlton, b. Jan. 4, 1846; m., June 17, 1882, Rev. Charles Patterson Bennett, pastor of the Baptist church in Shapleigh, Me., where she passed the few brief months of life that remained to her. She was graduated from the New London institution as valedictorian of the class of 1870, and purposed teaching as a profession; but family claims seemed stronger, and she remained at home, caring for her mother and sister in their last illnesses. Then a life of usefulness and happiness in a new sphere seemed to open before her in the home at Shapleigh. A few weeks after her marriage Mrs. Bennett contracted whooping cough, and her naturally delicate constitution, weakened by the cares of the preceding years, gave way under the force of the disease, and after a few months of extreme suffering she passed away, Feb. 28, 1883, leaving her husband, the little daughter of her sister whom

she had adopted, and her aged father to mourn the loss of one whose truly Christian loveliness of character endeared her to all who knew her.

WHEELER, ABEL.—Abel Wheeler, b. April 4, 1792, was a descendant of the Wheelers, originally of Sutton, Mass., who settled in Croydon in 1763. His wife, Sarah Jehonnet, of Huguenot extraction, b. 1785, was a woman of intelligence and industry. Abel came to N. L. in 1823, res. on the Timothy Crowley place until 1830, removing then probably to Canterbury. About 1840 he settled in Sutton, and there res. until his death, Jan. 18, 1855. Sarah d. August, 1868. Children :

1. John G., b. 1821; m. Nancy Buswell; d. 1868. Children :
 - (1). Charles G., b. Dec. 22, 1844; m., April 5, 1867, Harriet McAdams. Children: (a) Warren D., b. May 31, 1868. (b) Carrie E., b. May 4, 1870; (c) Susie H., b. Oct. 28, 1872. (d) Alma J., b. May 9, 1877. (e) Elmer J., twin to Alma J.
 - (2). James H. (3). Herman D. (4). Cyrus. (5). Alma. (6). Eveline. (7). Elmer.
2. Leonard H., b. Oct. 8, 1822; m., Oct. 24, 1854, Lucy B. Hoyt; res. in Sutton, where he was much respected; enlisted Sept. 15, 1862, Company H, Sixteenth N. H. V.; discharged Aug. 20, 1863, and enlisted Sept. 5, 1864, serving as sergeant of Company B, Eighteenth N. H. V., and receiving the appointment of sergeant-major Feb. 16, 1865; d. in Sutton, Aug. 14, 1877. Children :
 - (1). Emma, b. May 6, 1857; m., Oct. 5, 1889, James H. Watson of Sutton.
 - (2). Clarence, b. Aug. 26, 1859.
 - (3). George, b. Aug. 22, 1861.
 - (4). Kate P., b. Oct. 15, 1864; m., November, 1889, Walter King of Franklin, Mass.
3. Edgar L., b. N. L., 1824; m. Kate Worthley; res. in N. L. Edgar d. Nov. 5, 1879. They had a son, Ralph.
4. Ransom R., b. N. L., May 4, 1826; enlisted April 26, 1861; served in the First, Fourth, and Eighteenth N. H. V.; res. in Sutton.
5. Lovell, b. and d. in N. L., 1828.
6. James J., m. Sarah A., dau. of Amos Parker [370].
7. Jonathan Dearborn, b. 1842; m. Frances Chapman, and had a son, Mason R.; enlisted Sept. 7, 1861, serving in Company I, Fourth N. H. V.; d. Wilmot, Sept. 9, 1869.

WHITNEY, ALEXANDER.—Alexander Whitney came to N. L. in 1826, and bought the present Charles S. Whitney place of Joseph Colby, who had purchased it of Caleb Harriman, the pioneer occupant, only a few months before. The original dwelling stood across the road and north from the present house, which was built by Alexander and his sons. Alexander was a good, honest, every-day sort of a man, a tremendous worker, fond of his home and family rather than of public life. He was a Methodist in belief, and attended church in Wilmot. The Whitneys are a Henniker family, descendants of John and Eleanor Whitney, who embarked at London in April, 1635, and settled in Watertown, Mass. Alexander, fifth in descent from John, settled in Henniker soon after his marriage to Lois Carroll of Hopkinton, Mass., July 10, 1776. The seventh of their nine children, Alexander, Jr., the founder of the N. L. families, was b. Dec. 5, 1789; m., Nov. 24, 1814, Lydia, dau. of Zebulon and Polly Foster of Henniker, b. Nov. 2, 1795. Alexander d. Nov. 26, 1878; Lydia d. April 27, 1875. Children:

1. Aaron F., b. March 26, 1815; d. Jan. 1, 1830.
2. Mary S., b. March 29, 1817; d. Dec. 14, 1836.
3. Gilman H., b. Nov. 30, 1819; m., Nov. 16, 1848, Sarah Jane, dau. of Nathan Durgin of East Andover, b. May 31, 1825; res. in N. L.
4. William S., b. Nov. 1, 1822; m., Dec. 15, 1849, Miss Durgin, sister of Sarah Jane above; was a grinder in the scythe shops, and res. at Scytheville; d. Dec. 20, 1853. Children:
 - (1). Ellen, b. Aug. 3, 1851; d. April 30, 1854, at Charles S. Whitney's house.
 - (2). Emma, b. April 26, 1853; res. at Manchester.
5. George A., b. Feb. 12, 1825; m., Sept. 1, 1852, Anna Eliza, dau. of Peter Jones of Andover. No children. George was killed by lightning June 14, 1854, in the Wilmot woods near Springfield line, about a mile from Perleytown.
6. Alonzo, b. Nov. 18, 1827; unmarried; res. on the homestead. Alonzo went to California in 1853, and remained fourteen years placer mining in Trinity county; came home for a year's visit, and after four years more in the golden state, settled down on the farm where he was b.; d. June 28, 1898.
7. Emeline L., b. June 15, 1830; unmarried; res. in Iowa.

8. Livonia M., b. Feb. 6, 1833; m., Dec. 4, 1862, Daniel Piper of Sanbornton. They now res. in Medford, Minn. Child:
 - (1). Myra Alice, b. Nov. 15, 1873.
9. Harriet N., b. Sept. 8, 1835; m., Oct. 13, 1867, Irving G. Cate (a veteran) of Northfield; res. in Boscawen. Mr. Cate was a blacksmith by trade; occupied the Benjamin Everett place at Scytheville for a brief period. Child:
 - (1). Alice Carrie, b. Jan. 22, 1878.
10. Charles S., b. March 1, 1837; m., Jan. 5, 1865, Laura Ann, dau. of Uriah Pearson of Sutton; res. in N. L.
11. Janett M., b. March 30, 1840; m., July 9, 1865, Alonzo Phelps, and res. in Warner; d. March 28, 1872. Child:
 - (1). Walter L., m. Lottie Martin of Iowa, June, 1894.

WHITNEY, ARTEMAS.—Came from Goffstown in 1843, and res. on the Hiram Baker place in the West Part.

WHITNEY, GILMAN H.—Gilman H., son of Alexander above, on reaching his majority worked for a time in the brickyard at Hooksett, then in the hat factory of Matthew Haynes Messer at Methuen, Mass. In 1843 he returned to N. L., and res. on the Jacob Dole place near his father. After farming for two years he began lumbering in Wilmot, and built a saw-mill and clapboard-mill about a mile above Wilmot Centre, which he ran for three years. Finally, after engaging in various occupations, he settled down in Franklin, and for a quarter-century peddled tinware for John H. Rowell in the towns of Merrimack county. In 1890 he bought the Samuel Burpee place on Burpee hill, and res. there till his death, after a long and wearisome illness, Feb. 23, 1897. Mr. Whitney was a man of indefatigable industry, kind-hearted, and a good neighbor. He was a Spiritualist in belief, and served as president and treasurer of the Lake Sunapee Spiritualist Campmeeting association. During his residence in Franklin he became a member of Merrimack lodge, No. 28, I. O. O. F., and of Meridian lodge, No. 60, F. & A. M. Mrs. Whitney and her only surviving son, Burke M., res. at the homestead on Burpee hill. Children:

1. Burke M., b. Oct. 26, 1849; unmarried; res. in Nebraska and South Dakota for seventeen years, then returned to his native state to care for his parents in their declining years.
2. Walter G., b. June 29, 1852; d. Aug. 6, 1854.
3. Frank S., b. Aug. 4, 1855; d. Aug. 10, 1856.
4. Walter Frank, b. May 9, 1859; d. Dec. 27, 1863.

WILKINS, DUSTIN.—Dustin, son of Dea. Gideon and Sally Wilkins [287], res. on the Moses Haskins place, the Mason Emery place, and other locations. His wife was Elizabeth, dau. of Matthew H. Sargent [280]. Removed to Wilmot, and d. there. Children recorded in N. L. :

1. George W., b. Sept. 15, 1834.
2. Mary E., b. Déc. 29, 1836, at Bradley's Vale, Vt. ; m. Plummer Prescott. Mary res. at Franklin with her dau. Lizzie, who m. Edgar Libby. Child : William M.

WILKINS, GIDEON, JR.—The oldest son of Dea. Gideon and Sally Wilkins [287] succeeded Ezekiel Knowlton on the Dr. Morrill place. His wife, Rachel, was the dau. of Ezekiel Knowlton [118]. The family removed to Mansfield, Mass.

WILLIAMS, JOHN.—John Williams of the third generation was the son of John and Almira (Elwell) Williams [287]. His wife, Lydia, was a sister of Jonathan C. Bugbee, who res. at Otterville. John, 3d, built and always res. in the house now owned by his son Harrison. His mother and sister Almira, after their return from Manchester, res. in the Marshall Fales house on Colby hill, where Almira had a millinery and fancy goods parlor. John d. March 26, 1882 ; Lydia d. Jan. 24, 1857. Children :

1. Oscar Le Roy, b. Sept. 6, 1841 ; enlisted, Aug. 15, 1862, Company F, Eleventh N. H. V. ; d. in hospital at Annapolis, Md., April 19, 1864.
2. Alvin Bailey, b. Oct. 15, 1843 ; enlisted, Aug. 11, 1862, Company F, Eleventh N. H. V. ; appointed corporal ; killed at Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864.
3. Harrison Bugbee, b. April 24, 1845 ; m., Dec. 16, 1878, Lizzie M., dau. of Whitman Brown ; res. in N. L.
4. Weltha Curtis, b. Nov. 4, 1846 ; m., Nov. 3, 1865, Frank P., son of Enoch Messer ; res. in N. L.
5. Roger, b. June 28, 1848 ; m., May 10, 1871, Harriet, dau. of Benjamin and Delia (Gile) Farnum ; res. in N. L.
6. George H. A., b. May 6, 1852 ; m., Sept. 8, 1881, Emily Eastman, adopted dau. of Horace Clark ; res. in N. L.

WITHY, WILLIAM.—On the clearing between Morgan and Bunker hills now known as the "Hayes place," William Withy built a small cabin about 1830. His wife was Mary, dau. of Joseph Battles [328].

WOOD, JOHN.—Oldest son of Joseph and Dorothy (Smith) Wood [288]. John res. in Springfield; from 1830 was in N. L. on the Edwin F. Messer farm for a number of years; returned to Springfield, and removed thence to Wilmot, where he d. Tryphosia (Parker) Wood d. Wilmot, March 13, 1858, aged 88 years. Children :

1. Clarissa, b. Dec. 19, 1814; m., November, 1838, Curtis, son of James How Messer; res. in N. L.
2. Amaziah, b. Jan. 3, 1817; m. (1) Phebe Jane, dau. of Dea. Elias McIntire of Lyndeboro, who bore him two children; m. (2) Mary, dau. of Zephaniah Kittredge of Mont Vernon. Amaziah res. in several places, but after 1858 lived in Francetown, where he d. Feb. 8, 1889. Children :
 - (1). Ellen Augusta, b. Manchester, Nov. 10, 1844; m., Feb. 8, 1866, Addison, son of Amos Parker; res. in N. L.
 - (2.) Elias Augustine (twin to Ellen Augusta), d. at four years of age.
 - (3.) Mary Jane, b. Wilton, Nov. 11, 1847; res. Francetown.
 - (4.) George Kittredge, b. Bristol, Aug. 19, 1849; is a teacher at Francetown.
 - (5.) Charles Eugene, b. Concord, Aug. 13, 1851; m., Oct. 25, 1876, Mary Anna Clark of Deering; is a harness-maker at Hillsborough Bridge.
3. Amos P., b. Dec. 19, 1818; was a harness-maker; m., and res. in Enfield and Haverhill.
4. Orin S., b. 1828; d. Aug. 17, 1830.

WOOD, WILLIAM.—Came from Loudon, and res. from 1835 to 1842 at the Benton Stanley farm on Burpee hill, selling in the latter year to Jonathan Russell.

WOODWARD, JOHN D.—John D., second son of Capt. Joseph Woodward below, built the Stephen Dean house and res. there. Sally (Sargent) Woodward was the dau. of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent [141], and d. June 12, 1843. John m. (2) Dolly Sargent (sister of Sally). A dau. by the first wife, Almacia, m. Amos, son of Capt. Joseph Woodward. Children by second wife were, Anzel, unmarried, and res. in Oregon; Alice Jane, m. — McCormack. Dolly (Sargent) Woodward d. March 3, 1885.

WOODWARD, CAPT. JOSEPH G.—Captain Joseph was the oldest son of Eliphalet and Martha (Gage) Woodward [170]. After his marriage he settled in Sutton, and cleared what is



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now the James Prescott farm. Polly (Dole) Woodward, who d. June 13, 1822, was the dau. of John and Molly (Pingree) Dole [91], an able, energetic helpmeet for the enterprising young farmer. Joseph m. (2) Mrs. Betsey Johnson, and in 1835 became a resident of N. L. He built the Solon Cooper house, and d. there Aug. 19, 1863. His youngest son, Amos, res. there until the death of his mother, Sept. 25, 1865, when he sold to Micajah Morgan. Joseph had eight children by his first wife, and three by his second, as follows:

1. Marcus, b. Jan. 12, 1807; m. Olive Bryant of Stoneham, Mass., where they res.; is deceased, leaving children.
2. John D., b. Aug. 22, 1808; m. Sally, dau. of John and Susanna (Johnson) Sargent; res. in N. L.
3. Mary Jane, m. David Stickney; d. in Dracut, Mass. Four children.
4. Martha, m. John Morey; res. in Sutton.
5. Drusilla, m. (1) Moses Cilley, res. in Andover; m. (2), September, 1839, Micajah Morgan [365].
6. Milton, went West, and d. there.
7. Salome, m., October, 1838, Enoch Messer [361].
8. Joseph, was adopted by his uncle James Woodward [291].
9. Lawson, m. Miss Ellsworth of Penacook;* res. in Oregon.
10. Eliza, m., Sept. 3, 1844, Edwin R., son of Ezekiel and Emily (Adams) Sargent [139].
11. Amos, m. Almacia, dau. of John D. and Sally (Sargent) Woodward; removed to Wisconsin in 1865, thence to Minnesota, and now res. at Lyons, Neb.

WORTHEN, ALBERT S.—Albert S., son of Jacob below, was but a lad when his father came to N. L., and he grew up to a sterling manhood and citizenship in his adopted town. Trained in habits of diligent industry, he was a landowner in 1836, and res. at "Lakeside." He was highly respected by his fellow-citizens, being chosen to several offices of trust and responsibility. His wife, Sally Abbot, dau. of Theodore Abbot [213], was a vigorous, energetic woman, and her large family were trained up to useful manhood and womanhood. Albert sold his place to his son-in-law, John Pressey, but he and his wife had their home and d. there. Albert d. May 12, 1885; Sally d. July, 1891, and was buried on her 77th birthday. Children:

1. Lorenzo, b. Nov. 12, 1834; m. Dorothy Meigs of Lyndon, Vt.; res. in Hillsborough.
2. Jerome B., b. May 14, 1837; m. Margaret Perkins of Newbury; res. at Melvin's Mills, Warner.
3. Betsey R., b. Feb. 26, 1849; m., Nov. 28, 1860, John, son of Winthrop and Hannah (Bean) Pressey [374].
4. Eugene B., b. Aug. 21, 1846; m. Mary Law; res. in Manchester.
5. Marietta Abbot, b. Jan. 2, 1849; m. David Bean; res. in Manchester.
6. Ai, b. April 25, 1851; m. Dec. 25, 1877, Minnie, dau. of Edmund and Emmeline (Young) Davis; res. in N. L.
7. Byron, b. June 3, 1853; m., Oct. 30, 1877, Mary A. Mathes of Columbia. On reaching his majority Byron went to Manchester, and entered the employ of the Amoskeag Manufacturing company. His faithfulness to the interests of the company was recognized by a promotion in 1883 to the responsible position of superintendent of wheels, a position which he still fills to the entire satisfaction of his employers. The importance of his duties is best understood by a visit to the immense plant of the company, and an inspection of the pits, wheels, and shafting under his charge. Mr. Worthen is a Democrat of the Jeffersonian school, and his fellow-citizens have recognized his ability by electing him to the board of aldermen for two successive terms from 1891-1894. On the resignation of Mayor Knowlton in 1894, Mr. Worthen was elected chairman of the board, and served as mayor for the remainder of the year with credit to himself and his party. In 1896 he received an appointment to the Street and Park commission for a term of six years. He is a member of the Improved Order of Red Men, and has passed the chairs in both the subordinate lodge and encampment, I. O. O. F. Mr. Worthen is a truly successful man, but he owes his success to his tireless industry and eminent faithfulness to duty. In his pleasant home on Lake Avenue heights he and his hospitable wife extend hearty welcome and generous entertainment to a host of friends. Children :
 - (1). Sadie E., b. Oct. 15, 1880.
 - (2). Harold M., b. Sept. 14, 1892.
8. Cora E., b. April 1, 1855; m. William Clay, and res. in Manchester.
9. Jacob N., b. Dec. 9, 1857; d. April 8, 1859.

WORTHEN, JACOB.—Jacob Worthen, b. January, 1791, was a resident of Amesbury, Mass., at the time of his marriage to



HON. BYRON WORTHEN.

Betsey, dau. of Thomas and Betsey (Sargent) Sargent, b. Amesbury, March 7, 1791. After the birth of the oldest son they removed to Sutton, and about 1820 to Springfield. In 1823 Jacob came to the Otterville neighborhood, and built the house now occupied by Richard Morgan, where he res. for many years. Betsey (Sargent) Worthen d. Dec. 21, 1823, and Jacob m. (2), Irene (Merrill) Dow, widow of Jesse Dow, Jr. [239], who d. December, 1852. Jacob m. (3), Mrs. Mary (Burpee) Abbot, widow of Theodore Abbot [213], and removed to her farm in Sunapee. Jacob d. in Sunapee, Feb. 9, 1879, but is buried in N. L. Children :

1. Albert S., b. Amesbury, Jan. 21, 1812; m. Sally, dau. of Theodore Abbot, and res. in N. L.
2. Thomas S., b. Sutton, Oct. 17, 1818; m., March 6, 1849, Betsey J. Roby of Springfield; res. in N. L.

CHAPTER IX.

FOURTH HISTORICAL PERIOD—THE NEW TOWN HOUSE—RE-ORGANIZATION OF NEW LONDON ACADEMY—PASSING OF THE FIRST CHURCH AND TOWN HOUSE—ROLLS OF McCUTCHINS GUARDS AND STATE MILITIA—NEW LONDON'S RECORD IN THE CIVIL WAR—THE BLIZZARD OF 1862—LAYING OF THE CORNER STONE, AND DEDICATION OF THE NEW ACADEMY—MECHANICS' HALL—STATISTICAL DATA—TOWN OFFICIALS, 1851-1875.

The fourth historical period includes the years from 1851 to 1875. The warrant for the annual meeting in 1851 was a voluminous document, containing, besides the twelve articles pertaining to town affairs, fifteen questions relative to constitutional amendments on which the sense of the voters was sought, and a special article "on the adoption of the Homestead Exemption bill as proposed by the last legislature." This was altogether too much business to be concluded in one session, and the meeting adjourned to Wednesday. The acme of popular interest seems to have been reached on the Homestead Exemption bill, the first day's vote standing nearly three

to one against the measure. Near the close of the meeting on Wednesday, however, it was voted "that our Representative be instructed to go for an Exemption Bill in the next Legislature."

A warrant for a special meeting called for April 3, 1851, marks an important epoch. For full seventy years the established centre of the town had been determined by ancient landmarks—the mills at Hominy Pot, the weatherbeaten church and town house, the first store and postoffice. It was now a quarter-century since the opposing force had secured the location of a new church building on Colby hill. This church, and the academy building erected in 1836, were the magnet that drew the rest.

In the sixty years since the foundations of the church of the fathers had been laid, the structure had passed through many vicissitudes, and ineffaceable finger-prints of Father Time were everywhere visible. The second article of the warrant above-mentioned was,—

"To act on the petition of Stephen Davis and others: To see if the town will instruct the selectmen to collect in as soon as may be all the moneys due this town; and if so instructed, to see what instruction the town will give the selectmen for the disposal of the same. Also to see if the town will build a new town house."

Out of 243 legal voters less than 150 attended the special meeting. The first part of the article was carried by a small plurality, and the selectmen were duly instructed "to take real estate for security." But the fates were not propitious for a new town house, and its champions were obliged to bide their time.

The annual meeting for 1852 also held over to the second day, and the twelfth and last article of the warrant,—“To see if the town will vote to repair the town house”—after prolonged discussion resulted in a vote,—

“to choose a committee of five, to take into consideration the condition of the town house, in regard to repairing the same, or make a new house out of the old one, and report at some future meeting. Chose the following persons for that committee: Hiram Davis, Luther McCutchins, Stephen Davis, George W. Everett, Horatio Fales.”

So much, therefore, had been accomplished by the friends of the movement. A meeting was called November 2, to vote for presidential and vice-presidential electors, and at this meeting a report from the special committee was requested. For some reason they were not prepared, and were admonished by vote to "attend to the duty assigned them, and make their report at the annual meeting in March next."

The committee report was formally made and accepted,—to the effect that it was not expedient to attempt to repair or remodel the old town house. Having voted to erect a new building, the board of selectmen was authorized "to build a new town house (and use the old town house in building the new one as far as it will be profitable), between this and the first day of November next."

Then came the tug of war on the question of location. The first motion,—to build on land owned by the town, near where the old house stood—was declared in the negative, and the following one prevailed:

"that the selectmen be authorized to hire money on the credit of the town, with which to purchase land, on which to set the town house, near the 'Four Corners' in District No. 3, in New London."

How popular feeling was tending at this time, may be inferred from the closing record of this meeting:

"that if any person shall be found breaking any glass, or otherwise injuring the town house, he shall be put into the House of Correction [the poorhouse] for one month."

But the vantage ground thus secured was not to be retained without a struggle. Three special meetings were called in close succession. The first, held on April 6, resulted in the defeat of an attempt to bring about a reconsideration of previous action, after a hot and somewhat lengthy contest. The selectmen were instructed to purchase a site as near the school-house in District No. 3 as practicable, erect a suitable building thereon, and pledge the town's credit for money to carry on the work. It was also decided not to use the old material, but build an altogether new structure, to be completed by the first of November. So much for the first move. A second attempt, on May 2, for reconsideration, or an extension of the time for building, was also defeated.

The third and last special meeting, held on June 7, was,—

“To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to locate the new town house between the Baptist Meeting House and the ‘New Boarding House’ in said town, provided the land can be had and the foundation laid free from all expense to the town.”

Of the 66 votes cast, 36 were in favor of the motion to so instruct. This ended the contest, and the town house was built where it stands to-day.

The selectmen’s book of accounts charges the town as follows :

G. W. Everett, for building town house	\$1042.50
A. C. Carroll, stoves and pipe for same	91.63
Funnel hooks and chains	5.43
Settees	70.00
B. C. Clement, wharfing around town house	24.25
Insurance	2.86
Lamps, and hanging lamps	12.50
Oil, wood, and care for one year	6.92
Table	2.50

The reference to the “New Boarding House” in the warrant last referred to, is “another story.” The building of the town house was not the only topic for public consideration in the year 1853. The school at New Hampton, easily first in the state among higher institutions of learning open to both sexes, had been freely patronized by Baptists. After its removal to Fairfax, Vt., in 1852, the friends of education connected with the Baptist churches in New Hampshire began to move towards establishing a new denominational school, with literary instruction of a high order, but without the theological department which had been made a special feature in the courses of study at New Hampton. Early in 1853 prominent members of this denomination came together at Concord, and the following record has been handed down of that meeting :

“After a thorough and protracted consideration of the whole subject by the brethren present, two conclusions were arrived at. One was,—that in view of the demands of education among us, and the present emergencies, we need such an

“institution. The other was,—that we proceed at once to
“effect such an object.”

Squire Joseph Colby of New London had been the leading Baptist layman of the state in his day, and the mantle had fallen on the not unworthy shoulders of his son, ex-Gov. Anthony Colby, whose keen, practical mind quickly grasped the possibilities of the situation. He realized the benefits which must accrue to his native town could such a school be located here, as well as the superior advantages which in turn the town possessed for the institution.

With an able coadjutor, Rev. Ebenezer Dodge, then pastor of the New London church, Governor Colby attended the conference, and the claims of the town were both practically and logically presented. A most careful consideration of the special advantages afforded in each of the proposed locations for the school, was given by the council. Finally New London was selected, not only for the beauty and healthfulness of its surroundings, but especially for its marked freedom from evil influences.

Among other inducements offered to the council was the tender of the property owned by the corporation of New London academy, an institution which after several years of prosperity had finally succumbed, like so many other country academies of that period, for lack of an endowment fund. Under the new dispensation the academy building erected in 1836 was thoroughly repaired and remodelled, and a commodious boarding-house for the accommodation of young lady students was built in the summer of 1853. The school was opened August 27 of that same year, under the original charter of New London academy. In 1854 this charter was amended to meet the increased demands of a state school, the name adopted being “New London Literary and Scientific Institute.” Further amendments in 1856 changed “Institute” to “Institution,” and provided that three fourths of the twenty-four trustees chosen by the corporation “shall be members of Baptist churches in regular standing, and shall reside in New Hampshire and without the limits of New London.”

One of the first officials connected with the new school was Prof. Ephraim Knight of New Hampton, who came to New London early in the summer of 1853 and rendered invaluable

service in the equipment and organization. Owing to his unwillingness to assume the entire responsibility, Professor Knight was made associate principal, Prof. George W. Gardner serving as principal, with Miss Mary J. Prescott of Concord in charge of the young ladies. The term opened in August, 1853, with about one hundred students, and in the eight years of Professor Gardner's administration more than a thousand different pupils were connected with the school. During the school year 1855-'56 an endowment fund of \$25,000 was raised through the efforts of Rev. William H. Eaton, D. D., and with this substantial basis the New London Literary and Scientific institution began a career of steadily increasing prosperity.

Those whose memories go back to the years when Anti-Slavery excitement ran high, will recall the so-called Kansas-Nebraska bill, which in effect repealed the Missouri Compromise and permitted the inhabitants of those districts to decide whether slavery should be admitted into their respective territories. This doctrine, known as "squatter sovereignty," was very unpopular in some parts of the country, and in 1853-'54, when the bill was up for discussion in congress, there were other constituencies besides New London that felt it a duty to express themselves emphatically.

The annual meeting of 1854 had just got well under way, when, on a motion made and seconded, it was voted—to quote the clerk's record of the proceedings—"to suspend action upon 'the remaining articles in the warrant, at this time, to take 'the sense of the voters upon the 'Nebraska bill.' Whereupon "a general discussion ensued, pending which a motion was "made to adjourn, which motion did not prevail; and after "some farther discussion, the vote was taken upon the above "bill as follows: All those in favor of the final passage of the "'Nebraska bill' by congress take the west side of the house, "and those against the final passage of the bill the east side of "the house." Accordingly the voters lined up, on the west side and on the east, and the record stands 32 in favor to 82 against. The next vote of the meeting was,—“that our representative this day elected be instructed to act in accordance with the vote just taken upon the foregoing bill.”

Routine business having been resumed, among other matters of popular interest was the vote that the selectmen appraise the

pews in the old town house, and sell the house and the fencing of the land adjoining the burying-ground at public auction. Another motion provided that the selectmen appoint an agent to take charge of the new town house, the said house, at all meetings open to the public to be heated and lighted at the expense of the town, and for private use at the rate of \$2 per night. (The income from this source during the year 1854 was \$15.)

Numerous records in the selectmen's accounts set the value of the pews in the old town house at an average of 34 cents, and all claimants having been satisfied, a public auction was held Saturday, March 25, 1854. William Lee secured the fencing of the burying-ground at \$40.71, and ex-Gov. Anthony Colby, for the sum of \$118.80, became the owner of the old town house and its underpinning. Governor Colby moved the building to the hill, thoroughly remodelled and repaired it, and tendered it to the New London institution as a dormitory for the young men. To-day the old town house, rejuvenated as Colby hall, bids fair to round out its second century of usefulness. Youthful feet trip lightly through the old-time church, and merry voices ring out from the walls that once echoed the solemn warnings and exhortations that fell from the lips of the father of the church: but the hallowed memories that cluster around this ancient structure reared by the pioneers, can never be quite forgotten.

In 1855, by vote of the town, the selectmen purchased a hearse costing \$115, and a building for housing the same was erected at an expense of \$91.12. An innovation of this year was the appointment of a town liquor agent, who, with an annual compensation of \$10, was permitted to dispense "spirituous and intoxicating liquors, for medicinal, mechanical, and chemical purposes, and wine for the commemoration of the Lord's supper, and for no other purpose whatever." The agency was not a popular measure, however, and after a few years was discontinued.

From 1856 to 1860 there was little of public incident. On petition the selectmen set the bounds of the seven school districts in 1856, and the same were accepted by the town the following year. Benjamin P. Burpee, Luther McCutchins, and Stephen Davis were appointed a committee in 1857 to

report on the expediency of building a tomb. Their report at the next annual meeting was "inexpedient." In 1859 notice was served on the town that at the June session of the legislature of that year certain citizens of Springfield would present a petition asking for annexation of that part of the town in which their farms lay, to New London. An increase in population and territory does not seemed to have been greatly desired, as the representative for that year was instructed to use all his influence against the passage of the bill.

"In time of peace prepare for war," runs the old proverb. The warrant for 1859 contained an article relative to paying the militia; also, to see if the town would permit the McCutchins Guards to finish off the attic of the town house as an armory, at their own expense; both measures receiving favorable consideration. Under the old law every able-bodied citizen did duty in the state militia, unless exempted for special reasons. About the time of Governor Colby's administration this law was repealed, and the New Hampshire National Guard recruited on a new basis. Cities and towns were permitted to organize independent companies, and could grant pay, not exceeding \$2 per year to each soldier. Arms and equipments were furnished by the state, but each company provided their own uniforms—if they had any.

It was under these conditions that in 1858 Andrew J. Sargent and Joseph M. Clough, both of whom were "up" in military tactics and experience, set themselves the task of organizing a New London company. The McCutchins Guards, named in honor of Gen. Luther McCutchins, was the result; and stanch and loyal supporters of the state and government they proved themselves. The first officers were Andrew J. Sargent captain, Joseph M. Clough first lieutenant, Milton G. Everett second lieutenant. Other names enrolled during the early years of the organization were,—Lieut. Samuel M. Carr; Sergts. Charles Woodward, Austin W. Messer, Alexander Lane; Musicians R. F. Sargent, Sanford Fisher, E. P. Burpee; Privates Robert McConnell, Reuben Ray, B. G. Everett, J. L. Loverin, Norman B. Adams, Arthur Morgan, Byron K. Baker, Jacob Dole, Dura P. Morgan, Hiram Sargent, John Hemphill, William Haynes, Nathaniel Messer, F. P. Messer, Marvin Page, Walter Pingree, George

Messer, Adelbert Messer, John M. Messer, George E. Lane, George Woodward, Rufus Clement.

After Captain Sargent and Lieutenant Clough reported for duty at Concord in April, 1861, Lieut. Samuel M. Carr was in charge of the company for a year. In August, 1862, when the Eleventh N. H. V. was recruiting, by far the greater part of the McCutchins Guards enlisted, and during the remaining years of the war there was little attempt at keeping up an organization. But the veterans quickly took up the matter on their return, and during the winter of 1865-'66 the company was re-organized as the Messer Rifles, in honor of Hon. Richard H. Messer, Captain Sargent again serving as first officer. On the town records, for the years 1866 and 1869, there is a list of those serving in the militia. That of 1866 is nearly identical with the McCutchins Guards of 1858, but in 1869, when the company numbered sixty-four men, there were many new names enrolled. Many of these are living to-day, gray-haired and bent with years of toil; and not a few have answered the last roll-call, and are numbered with the silent host of the dead. The roll for 1869 is:

Joseph Russell, Amos Hastings, George M. Jewett, Daniel M. George, Henry Davis, Charles Pike, Claude Goings, Austin Goings, Nathaniel Knowlton, Belden Morgan, Herbert Morgan, Newton Manahan, George S. Ellis, Nathaniel Todd, 2d, Frank O. Dow, Albert W. Preston, Augustus Preston, Samuel Bagley, George Woodward, Sanford R. Fisher, Charles N. Macy, George Sholes, Harrison Williams, John Roby, Horace Sargent, Benton Stanley, Dura Morgan, Edwin Messer, Baxter Gay, Albert Hunting, Sargent Putney, George McFarland, Henry Putney, Moses Haskins, Henry Longley, Charles Whitney, Charles Hayden, Michael Martin, Timothy Quirk, Irwin G. Cate, James H. Burpee, Lorenzo Nichols, Henry Hall, Charles C. Phillips, Sherman Phillips, Albert Knight, Edwin A. Jones, Timothy Crowley, Leonard Gould, James E. Shepard, Thomas S. Chase, Augustus Messer, Horace Andrews, Sylvander French, Charles Wyman, Henry Davis, 2d, Martin Sargent, Alvin Messer, Charles Woodward, Charles Everett, Hiram A. Stratton, Stephen D. Messer, Carl Knight.

In this connection, perhaps, an incidental reference may best

be made to the preceding historical period. A recently discovered company roll, covering the years from 1825 to 1831 inclusive, shows the New London militiamen to have formed the second company of infantry in the Thirtieth regiment, which was assigned to the fourth brigade and third division of the state militia. In 1825 the enrolment was as follows: Captain, Jacob Harvey; lieutenants, Samuel Burpee, John Trussell; sergeants, Jedediah P. Sabin, Stephen Davis, Levi H. Morgan, Ezekiel K. Bunker; musicians, Abial Burpee, Aaron L. Sargent, Sylvanus T. Sargent, Moses Burpee, Asa Gile; privates, Mighill Nutting, Hills Chase, Joel Fletcher, Jacob Worthen, Samuel Fales, Stephen Herrick, John Page, Jr., Jacob Sargent, Daniel Sargent, Matthew H. Sargent, Amos Page, Samuel S. Knowlton, John Wither-spoon, David Jewett, John Currier, William Morgan, Jacob Morgan, Joseph Morgan, John L. Harvey, Matthew Harvey, Ithamar Eaton, Obediah Morgan, Perley Ayer, Timothy Messer, Abial Messer, Wesley P. Burpee, Richard Everett, Hezekiah Messer, Frederick Messer, Enoch Messer, Horatio Fales, Hugh Rogers, Lowell Fisher, Reuben Fellows, James Woodward, Joseph Putney, James Morgan, William Messer, Samuel Messer, Asa Pingree, James Colby, Marcus Sargent, Moses H. Pingree, John J. Sargent, Jr., Stephen Sargent, Jr., Manning Seamans, Joseph Colby, Jr., Lyman Everett, Leonard Everett, Joseph Brown, George W. Messer, Luther Trussell, Ezekiel Trussell, Levi Everett, Jr., John Hutchins, James Hayes, John Hayes, Asa Gay, Ija Gay, David Gay, Jeremiah Shepard, Caleb Harriman, Perley Muzzey, Abraham Adams, John Morgan, Jr., Job Seamans, Jr., Jonathan Dearborn, Jonathan Gage, Jedediah Jewett, Edmund Davis, Jr., Asa Gage, Thomas Burpee, Jr., John Bunker, Robert Rogers, John Brown, Benoni Robertson, Jeremiah Adams, Scribner Huntoon, Joseph Messer, 2d, Samuel Shepard, Daniel W. Shepard, Stoddard Nutting, Thomas Messer, Jefferson Keneston, Jedediah Abbot, Ira Smith, John Chase, Perley Messer, Hiram Davis, Jacob Dole, William Blanchard, Samuel Gove. In four of the seven years covered by this roll Jacob Harvey was captain, John Trussell two, and Stephen Davis one.

It was about this same time, too, that an independent organ-

ization known as the Washington Blues was kept up, in opposition to the regular company. There were from forty to fifty members enrolled, and in their bright blue uniforms and towering shakos of black enamelled leather the Washingtonians made a very dashing appearance at the annual "trainings," which were held on the public common near the first church; while marvellous tales of their prowess are still extant. Once when the rivalry between the "Regulars" and the "Blues" was at its height, the companies met for the usual training. All went well until, as Capt. William Whittier of the Blues was crossing the common with a bowl of punch, just brewed at a neighboring "tavern" for his men, a mischievous Regular fired at his heels. No harm resulted, except the spilling of the punch; but the Blues rose in their wrath, led by the doughty "Cap'n Bill," and in the mimic battle that followed the Regulars were routed. Baruch Chase Clement, Samuel Carr, and Jonathan Everett are other well-remembered commanders.

It is 1861, a year fraught with destiny to the nation,—developing events before which merely municipal affairs paled into insignificance. The attack on Fort Sumter on April 12, the gallant yet futile resistance of a hundred men against five thousand, and the inevitable surrender on the following day, stirred every loyal heart. The whole North was in a blaze of excitement, and even in the far-away villages nestling among the boulder-strewn hills of the Granite state, the farmer forgot his plow, the mechanic his tools, the scholar his books, in the supreme interest of the hour.

A civil war, that most terrible of all strifes, had been inaugurated, but few had any proper realization of how severe or protracted this internecine contest would be. The president's first call for troops, issued April 15, was for only 75,000 men, to serve three months; and with what wonderful promptness the response came from all over the North, is written on history's page.

What had New London, a town whose total population at this time was only 950, so far distant from the scene of action, so peaceful and contented in its daily round of toil, to do with the horrors of war! Yet even here there were men in whose hearts the fires of patriotism burned too fiercely to allow of inaction when the nation's honor stood imperilled. The second

day after the president's call Capt. Andrew J. Sargent of the McCutchins Guards offered his services to the state, and was at once ordered to recruiting duty for the First regiment.

It was under Captain Sargent that George R. McFarland, the first volunteer from New London, was enrolled on April 19. McFarland was but 18 years of age, and was mustered in as a private of Company D, First New Hampshire Volunteers, on May 2. In the organization of the First regiment the efficient service performed by Captain Sargent was recognized by the tender of an officer's commission, and he was mustered in as captain of Company G, April 26. Lieut. Joseph M. Clough of the McCutchins Guards, who had also reported for duty, was mustered in the same day as first lieutenant of Company H. Another volunteer credited to New London in the pioneer regiment was Henry H. Dewey, who enlisted May 22 in Captain Sargent's company.

In appreciative recognition of the valor and self-sacrifice of these volunteers, stands this record of the town's action on May 25: "*Voted*, to raise two hundred dollars, to be paid equally to "those who have enlisted, residents of New London, including "George McFarland." Nor was a touch of romance lacking, for even under the pressure of hurried preparation for departure Captain Sargent and Private McFarland obtained leave of absence, and were married, one on April 29, the other on May 9. Henry Dewey mentioned above was the gallant captain's newly-acquired brother-in-law, who, visiting in camp, eagerly embraced an opportunity to fill a chance vacancy in the ranks.

For a brief while but few people grasped the full import of the struggle between the North and South. The battle of Bull Run, July 21, 1861, opened their eyes. It became apparent to all that a great war was inevitable. No "ninety-days campaign" would settle so bitter a conflict. At this crisis there were several enlistments from New London, in most instances of men whose connection with the town was not resumed at the close of the war, so that their after career may be briefly referred to here:

Matthew Adams of the Fourth N. H. V. enlisted August 20, 1861; won a captaincy by gallant conduct; was wounded in the mine explosion at Petersburg, Va., but served till mustered

out; lives in Denver, Colorado. Julius M. Sargent enlisted in the Fourth, August 28; was discharged disabled July 12, 1863; re-enlisted Veteran Reserve Corps, May 25, 1864, and was mustered out; lives in Stoneham, Mass. James Ellis enlisted September 14, and was assigned to the Fourth; wounded at Morris Island, South Carolina; re-enlisted February 17, 1864, and was mustered out; resides in Concord. George A. Messer enlisted in the Fifth N. H. V., September 23, 1861, serving three years from date of muster-in; resides near Potter Place. Jonathan H. Harvey, 18 years of age, enlisted in the Fifth, September 28, and died of disease February 5, 1862, near Alexandria, Va. William H. Strickland enlisted October 28, and was assigned to Second U. S. V. Sharpshooters; re-enlisted March 22, 1864, assigned to Fifth N. H. V., and was mustered out.

Two of the youngest volunteers who went out from New London during the war were sons of John and Lydia (Hartford) Stinson. Edward, the older, was a native of the town, and enlisted in the Fifth N. H. V., September 21, 1861, before reaching his sixteenth birthday, serving as private in Company I. He was wounded in the battles at Fair Oaks and Antietam, and at Gettysburg received injuries from which he died August 1, 1863, a brief but glorious career for the brave young soldier. His brother Henry enlisted at fifteen in the Eleventh N. H. V., and served till the close of the war, being mustered out as corporal.

The next to volunteer under the starry flag were three brothers, Claude, Austin, and Charles Goings, who enlisted November 1, 1861, and were mustered in,—Claude as corporal, the others as privates—Company F, Eighth N. H. V. Enoch C. Gillingham, who enlisted November 19, was also assigned to Company F of the Eighth; served till the mustering-out of the regiment, January 18, 1865, and is now living in San Francisco, Cal. Levi P. Dodge enlisted the same day as Gillingham, and served in Company G of the Sixth regiment; was appointed hospital steward, and discharged disabled December 31, 1862; is living in Farmington, Minnesota.

By this time New London had quite a respectable representation at the front, and several of the men who had so bravely gone forth to the defence of the nation had families or parents

dependent on them for support. Their fellow-citizens, at a special meeting held November 23, 1861, voted,—“that such sums of money be appropriated from the treasury of the town as are necessary to provide for the support of the families of United States volunteers, agreeable to the law of New Hampshire. And if there is not a sum sufficient for such purpose, that the selectmen be authorized to raise the same, and pledge the credit of the town for the sum raised.”

There was one man in particular for whom New London had special reason to be proud at this juncture. To her belongs the honor of furnishing a no less important official than the state adjutant-general, in the person of the beloved and venerated ex-Gov. Anthony Colby. Though nearing his sixty-ninth birthday, after more than a half-century of incessant activity and public usefulness he assumed this duty with the same spirit that had characterized his whole life, cheerfully and with all his heart. Judge Sargent says,—“he was appointed by Governor Berry at a time when the best man in the state was needed for that responsible position, made so responsible by the great importance of the struggle in which the country was then engaged.” Governor Colby’s able assistants in the arduous duties belonging to this office were his son, Daniel E. Colby, and Nahum T. Greenwood, the son of his trusted friend Samuel Greenwood.

Contrary to popular expectation throughout the North, the summer of 1862, the second year of the war, found the Confederate strongholds still unsubdued. The failure of the Peninsular campaign in June was disheartening. Evidently stronger measures were needed to crush the Rebellion, and in July came President Lincoln’s call for “three hundred thousand more.” There was no question then but that men were needed, and the true-hearted sons of New London responded nobly to the call. Not less than forty-two enlisted from this town during the month of August, 1862. George W. Everett, who had been solicitor of Merrimack county from 1856 to 1861, and was a close friend of Adj. George H. Chandler of the Ninth N. H. V., then organizing at Concord, accepted the commission of major in that regiment. With him went Sylvester W. Philbrick and James H. Burpee, both in Company K. The remaining thirty-nine were mustered into Company F, Eleventh

N. H. V., with the exception of Charles Morrill, who was assigned to Company I. The Eleventh men, as shown by Adjutant-General Ayling's *Register of New Hampshire Soldiers*, were,—

Abbot, Thomas B.	Messer, Hamilton M.
Annis, Daniel M.	Messer, John M.
Baker, Byron K.	Messer, William A.
Bean, Alfred J.	Mills, William A.
Bunker, David W.	Morgan, Dura P.
Carr, Samuel F.	Morrill, Charles H.
Chase, Thomas S.	Philbrick, George H.
Chase, Walter F.	Philbrick, Samuel B.
Derby, Francis E.	Pike, Charles C.
Ellis, John H.	Pingree, Walter E.
Everett, Newton C.	Ray, Reuben
Jewett, George M.	Roby, John B.
Lane, Alexander	Sargent, Benjamin F.
Lewis, John	Sargent, Ransom F.
Lorden, John	Saunders, George H.
McConnell, Robert	Stinson, Henry C.
McFarland, George R.	Williams, Alvin B.
Messer, Austin W.	Williams, Oscar L.
Messer, Francis P.	Woodward, Charles
	Wright, William P.

Of the above forty-two men, Maj. George W. Everett, Hamilton M. Messer, William A. Mills, George H. Philbrick, Samuel B. Philbrick, Sylvester W. Philbrick, Benjamin F. Sargent, Alvin B. Williams, Oscar L. Williams, died of disease or were killed in battle; of the remainder, thirteen were wounded on the battle-field, eight were discharged disabled. Eleven came out unscathed save by the seeds of disease; and of these four have since died, while others have been rendered more or less infirm.

John Hemphill of Sutton and George F. Wiley of Newbury are also credited to this town on the rolls of the Eleventh regiment. Hemphill was mustered in as corporal of Company F, was wounded at Spottsylvania, May 16, 1864, and died nine days later. Wiley was a private in Company F, and rose to be sergeant; was wounded in the battle of the Wilderness, May

6, 1864; is now living in Sutton. The last volunteer from New London was Cyrus A. Bunker, 19 years of age, who enlisted March 17, 1864, in the First N. H. V. Cavalry, and served until the close of the war. The complete war record of each of the New London soldiers, and that of the veterans who have since made their homes in this town, is in nearly every instance given under his genealogical sketch, as only a brief mention is possible in this connection.

All told, New London may be credited with sixty-one volunteers in actual service in the great Rebellion, twenty-six of whom were natives of the town. It may also be of interest to note the honorable record of a few of her sons who enlisted from other towns: Robert A. Blood, since surgeon-general on Governor Wolcott's staff in Massachusetts, enlisted from Springfield and served in Company F of the Eleventh. Robert Stinson was preaching in Croydon when he received an appointment as chaplain of the Sixth N. H. V., October 17, 1861; served until July, 1862, and died the following March. Allen Haskins, 15 years of age, enlisted from Grafton in the First regiment; was mustered in as corporal of Company H, Eighth N. H. V., December 27, 1861; wounded at Bisland, La., April 12, 1863, and died the following August. Evan G. Haskins enlisted in August, 1862, from Grafton, and served in Company E of the Tenth; was severely wounded at Cold Harbor, Va.; now living in Grafton. Cyrus S. Burpee enlisted from Manchester, served as second lieutenant of Company F, Eighth N. H. V.; enlisted August 29, 1864, in Veteran Reserve Corps; discharged disabled in March, 1865; died at Manchester, January 23, 1885. Andrew F. Burpee enlisted in August, 1862, from Alexandria, and served in Company C of the Twelfth; discharged disabled in 1863. Benjamin F. Messer enlisted from Pembroke, serving in the Tenth; died of disease, March 20, 1863, at Suffolk, Va. Frank B. Sargent enlisted from Hillsborough in the Sixteenth, November 10, 1862, for nine months; was appointed corporal; re-enlisted in the Ninth, and was mustered out. Henry H. Sargent, 18 years of age, enlisted August 31, 1864, from Pembroke; mustered out July 29, 1865; resides in Truckee, California. Three sons of Abel Wheeler did good service in the war,—Ransom R. enlisted from Sutton in the First N. H. V., April 26, 1861, and

also served in the Fourth and Eighteenth regiments; Dearborn J. enlisted from Andover, September 7, 1861, in the Fourth regiment, was appointed sergeant, served till the war closed, and died at Wilmot, September 9, 1869; Leonard H. enlisted from Sutton, September 15, 1862, served in the Sixteenth, re-enlisted in the Eighteenth, was appointed sergeant-major, mustered out at close of war, and died at Sutton, August 14, 1877. George W. Chase enlisted from Andover in the Fourth, August 22, 1861, discharged disabled January 13, 1862, re-enlisted in the Tenth, August 6, 1862, mustered out as captain, resides River Sioux, Iowa. Sylvanus Adams enlisted as musician in the Milford Volunteers, April 25, 1861; served on the non-commissioned staff of the Ninth N. H. V., as principal musician; resides at West Rumney. James M. Chase enlisted from Concord, July 27, 1861; re-enlisted, and by gallant conduct won a second lieutenant's commission; discharged disabled July 7, 1865; was awarded "Gillmore Medal" by Maj.-Gen. Q. A. Gillmore for gallant and meritorious conduct during operations before Charleston, S. C., September 7, 1863; resides at Manchester.

Taking up the thread of historical narrative once more, a brief résumé of the town's attitude during these years of crucial test may be given. The martial spirit that animated husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers during that memorable summer of 1862, enabling them to leave their loved ones and go forth to battle for the cause of Freedom, amid hardships, suffering, and the horrible carnage of the battle-field, could but awake a responsive echo in the hearts of those who remained. At a meeting held August 20 the following resolutions were put on record:

"*Resolved*, That every Volunteer Soldier from the town of New London who has volunteered under the call of the President for three hundred thousand volunteers, on being mustered into the United States service receive the sum of one hundred dollars from said town.

"*Resolved*, That we extend the aid provided by the state for the families and parents of volunteers, to the families of all volunteers from this town."

Acting under the above resolutions, the town in 1862 paid \$4,400 in bounties, \$157 to volunteers' families, and distributed

\$768 of state aid. To raise the money for bounties and other unusual expenses, the town was obliged to borrow; and none so ready to give her credit as her own sons and daughters, whose savings, small and great, were cheerfully loaned that outstanding obligations might be fulfilled.

Again in the summer of 1863 came the call for more troops. Stalwart youths and bearded veterans had offered up their lives by thousands,—on battle-fields, in hospitals, in the loathsome prison-pens of the South—and the end was not yet. The flower of the nation's defenders had already been enrolled under previous calls, and at length a draft was ordered. New London had given freely, cheerfully, of her bravest and best, but the citizens promptly voted, under date of September 3,—

“that every man who is or may be drafted into the service of
“the United States from the town of New London, or who hav-
“ing been drafted shall furnish a substitute, shall receive from
“said town the sum of three hundred dollars, to be paid when
“he or his substitute shall have been accepted for and mus-
“tered into such service.

“that the state aid be extended to all families and parents of
“drafted men, or their substitutes, from the town of New Lon-
“don, as the law of the state provides.”

In addition to furnishing sixty-one actual volunteers, New London paid for eleven substitutes under the draft of 1863, and fourteen substitutes in that of 1864. Governor Colby was the town's agent in procuring these men, and several thousand dollars was saved by his prompt action. From 1861 to 1865 inclusive, New London's war expenditures amounted to nearly twenty-five thousand dollars, in addition to the state aid of about seven thousand dollars extended to soldiers' families during the same period. Truly, her war record is one the town need not blush to own. Her volunteers were men in the grandest sense of the word, and there were those among them whose bravery and fortitude on the field of battle ranked their names deservedly high on the roll of honor.

Even in the light of greater events in the year 1862, the blizzard on February 24 is vividly remembered, and is the standard by which all later storms are measured. The weather was clear in the morning, but about noon the storm set in as rain. Then the wind shifted to north and west, freezing into stinging

sleet with its icy breath the snow that all the afternoon fell thick and fast. Sargent Putney had gone to Potter Place in the morning with an ox-load of potatoes, and on his return late in the day met the full force of the storm. Struggling fiercely along in the deep drifts that filled the road by Lake Pleasant, his faithful beasts were at last stalled some little distance below the McFarland house, then occupied by Augustus Bunker. Mr. Bunker had gone to bed when he heard what sounded like a faint knocking on the east side of the house. Hurrying on his clothes he opened the door, and found Mr. Putney lying in the snow, unconscious, but with the goadstick whose tapping had aroused Mr. Bunker still gripped in his frozen hands. He was brought in and restored to consciousness, and then the poor dumb creatures were rescued and housed in the warm barn. It was not until late next day that Mr. Putney was able to reach home. That same night the McCutchins Guards held their annual levee at the town house, and the few who ventured to attend were obliged to remain at the hall until the storm subsided, as to go any distance in the teeth of the wind was impossible. In April of this year there was a crust strong enough to hold up oxen. It lasted for several days.

In the mean time New London Institution, under the impetus of its re-organization in 1853, had been doing a good work, and the steadily increasing number of pupils soon outgrew accommodations. By 1866 the demand seemed to warrant the erection of larger buildings, and Mrs. Susan (Colby) Colgate, daughter of Hon. Anthony Colby, headed a subscription list for this purpose with the generous sum of \$25,000. Mr. John Conant of Jaffrey, and Messrs. H. H. and J. S. Brown of Penacook, also contributed largely to the fund. Through the efforts of Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., who had solicited the previous fund ten years before, the anniversary of 1867 saw the subscription reach a total of \$100,000.

For the location of the new buildings the most picturesque site on Colby hill was chosen, the farm originally owned by Josiah Brown, Esq., on the very crown of the hill and facing southwest. From this point the eye ranges over a landscape of wondrous beauty and diversity; for it is a unique feature of the town that while it has no mountains within its borders, its wealth of scenery is unsurpassed. Far away, beyond fertile

valleys and gently rolling hills, rises an encircling chain of stately peaks and rugged summits that, towering dark and grim, stand out in bold relief against the background of the sky, or, in varying tones of softest, deepest blue, grow fainter and fainter in the distance until they are merged in cloudland. What truer, grander inspirations could come into the lives of the young people who in future years should gather in this temple of learning, than those drawn from the everlasting hills, whose strength is as His that fashioned them in the dawning of creation.

It was on this beautiful spot, in the glowing sunlight of full midsummer, when all earth was teeming with the richness of nature's bounty, that with great rejoicings the corner stone of the stately structure which was to crown New London hill was laid, July 28, 1868, by ex-Gov. Anthony Colby and John Conant, Esq., of Jaffrey. Doubtless no public act of all his long, useful life gave truer, deeper pleasure to the venerable and venerated public servant and generous benefactor than the simple exercises of that day. Feeble with age and suffering, leaning heavily on his crutch, his right hand resting on the massive granite block, Governor Colby, with the assistance of Mr. Conant, performed the ceremony. "Two old cripples playing master masons!" was the governor's after comment on the occasion; but those who were present will never forget the quiet, impressive dignity of the scene which so fittingly consummated his interest in the school.

The new academy, a beautifully proportioned edifice of brick with granite trimmings, erected at a cost of \$100,000, was completed in season for the dedicatory exercises to be held at the anniversary of 1870. Honored by the attendance of many distinguished guests, the whole occasion was one of which the Baptists of New Hampshire might well be proud. New London academy, with its unrivalled location, its admirably adapted building, its corps of faithful teachers, its well-earned reputation, was entering upon yet another era of wider usefulness and influence. The complete programme of the occasion follows.

*Order of Exercises at the Dedication of the New Academy, at New London,
N. H., Thursday, July 7, 1870.*

9 O'CLOCK A. M.

1. Invocation. Rev. F. D. Blake, New London.
2. Quartette, "I Will be Glad," *Petri*.
Mrs. Smith, Miss Ryan, Messrs. Winch and Barnabee.
3. Reading the Scriptures and Prayer. Rev. F. W. Towle, Claremont.
4. Original Hymn, *Julia Gould Foster*.

New London! New London, we greet thee!

Thy daughters and sons, far away,
Have heard thy glad call, and to meet thee,
Have joyfully hastened to-day.
Thy love, by long absence unshaken,
Gives welcome both hearty and free;
Reunited, we'll gratefully waken
Three cheers, O New London, for thee!

Thy mountains, in emerald adorning,
How proudly majestic they rise,
Breaking through pearly clouds of the morning,
Or lost in the depth of the skies!
No water from fairy-fed fountain
Thy beautiful lakes can outshine;
Nor streamlets from Alpian mountain
Are fairer, New London, than thine.

Not Italy's skies, famed in story,
Outrival thy bright, burnished dome,
When, decked in the robes of his glory,
The Day-King, triumphant, comes home.
O land highly favored of Heaven!
Wherever our footsteps may roam,
To thee shall our true love be given,
New London! our dear mountain home!

Responsive to love and to duty,
An offering before thee we lay:
This temple, a crown for thy beauty,
We give thee, New London, to-day.
This treasure we leave thee,—for never
The trust of thy friends thou'lt betray,—
New London! New London forever!
Three cheers for New London to-day!

5. Address. Rev. W. H. Eaton, D. D., for the Building Committee.
6. Address.

Rev. E. E. Cummings, D. D., President of the Board of Trustees.

7. Address. Prof. H. M. Willard, A. M., President-elect of the Institution.
8. Tenor Aria, "If With all Your Hearts," *Mendelssohn's "Elijah."*
Mr. W. J. Winch.
9. Address. Hon. Onslow Stearns, Governor of the State.
10. "My Country, 'T is of Thee", "*America.*"

2 O'CLOCK P. M.

1. Quartette, "God is Love," *C. C. Wentworth.*
2. Introductory Prayer. Rev. Lucian Hayden, D. D., Indianapolis, Ind.
3. Original Hymn, *Rev. S. F. Smith, D. D.*

Sow ye, beside all waters,
 The seeds of love and light;
 And train your sons and daughters
 To wisdom, truth, and right.
 Open fresh founts of beauty
 Along life's devious road;
 Fashion the soul to duty,
 And lead it up to God.

Prepare the peaceful bowers,
 Where opening minds shall wake,
 As rosebuds into flowers
 In blushing fragrance break;
 Water with skilful teaching
 The springing germs of thought,
 Onward and heavenward reaching,
 With coming glory fraught.

As priests,—of God anointed
 To keep this high behest,—
 We take the work appointed,
 To do such bidding blest.
 Here shall new gems be fitted,
 With mild, fair light to shine:
 The toil to us committed;
 The help, O God! is Thine.

4. Dedicatory Address, "The Work and Influence of This Institution."
Rev. Alvah Hovey, D. D., of Newton Seminary.
5. Dedicatory Prayer. Rev. William Lamson, D. D., Brookline, Mass.
6. Original Hymn, *Mrs. Galusha Anderson.*

Eternal Wisdom, who dost give
 The skilful hand, the ready mind,
 Accept the offering that we bring,—
 A thousand gifts in one combined.

Accept these halls ; with them receive
 The hard-earned mite, the earnest prayer,
 The love of learning and of truth,
 The love of Thee : for all are there.

May Science here securely dwell,
 Firm as the granite hills around !
 Her hand upon God's word, her brow
 With rays of heavenly lustre crowned.

Eternal Truth, Lord Jesus Christ !
 Here let Thy light and glory shine :
 Let every mind and every heart,
 With all we know, and are, be Thine.

7. Address, "The Proper Education of Woman."

Rev. G. D. B. Pepper, D. D., Crozier Seminary.

8. Quartette, "Oh, Come every One that Thirsteth!" *Mendelssohn*.

9. Address, "The Value and Aims of Classical Study."

Prof. J. L. Lincoln, LL. D., Brown University.

10. Four-part Song, "Be Firm and be Faithful," *Mendelssohn*.

11. Address, "The Value of Mathematical Studies."

Prof. E. P. Quimby, A. M., Dartmouth College.

12. Doxology.

Mechanics' hall at Scytheville was erected in 1872, under the supervision of George E. Shepard, Jonathan D. Everett, and Edwin A. Jones as a building committee. This committee was chosen from a voluntary association of twenty members, whose object was to provide a suitable place for public entertainments and religious worship. The hall was completed in December, 1872, and a grand levee was given by the association to commemorate the event. The house was packed to the doors, and the receipts were nearly four hundred dollars. This association was incorporated by legislative act February 23, 1874, and the twenty shares are owned at the present time by Edwin A. Jones, Charles C. Phillips, Joseph S. Phillips, Ruel Whitcomb, Mrs. R. O. Messer, Mrs. B. G. Everett.

For two years religious services were conducted under a regularly settled pastor, Rev. Lewis W. Phillips, the people raising a salary of \$600 the first year and \$500 the second. With the subsequent decline of business a few years later, and the removal of a greater part of the population of the little hamlet, it was impracticable to continue a pastor ; but a Sunday afternoon preaching service, conducted by the pastor of the

church on New London hill, is zealously supported by the faithful few whose interests still hold them to the place. Prior to the building of the hall, schoolhouse and cottage meetings had been held under the nominal charge of the Y. M. C. A. A very successful private school was kept in this hall by Mr. J. H. Larry in 1876, and it has also been used for meetings by Prescott Jones post, G. A. R., and by King Solomon's lodge from 1877 until the building of Masonic hall.

In the village proper, the town house, after being in use twenty years, was thoroughly repaired in 1873, at a cost of \$213.45. In 1874, Gen. Luther McCutchins, who had served several terms in the legislature, received the Republican nomination for governor. General McCutchins was a man of sterling worth, had held numerous offices of private and public trust, and was well fitted to represent the sturdy yeomanry of the state in the gubernatorial chair; but state issues were against the Republicans that year, and victory, however well deserved, was impossible. The board of selectmen for 1874 was authorized to issue town bonds amounting to \$9,400, to assist in paying off the accumulated war debt. In 1875, a committee, consisting of Nahum T. Greenwood, Seth Littlefield, and James E. Shepard, was appointed to build a tomb in the cemetery at a cost of \$150.

The state census gives the town a population of 952 in 1860, and 959 in 1870. The average number of legal voters was about one fourth of the population. The invoice as returned by the selectmen in 1875 furnishes the following data :

Number of polls,	215	
Total value of real estate,		\$290,730
Number of horses taxed,	299	
Value of horses,		19,375
Neat stock taxed,	744	
Value of neat stock,		27,577
Number of sheep,	928	
Value of sheep,		3,823
Value of carriages,		2,525
Stock in banks and other corporations,		5,800
Stock in trade,		20,600
Money on hand, or at interest,		38,700
Shares of railroad stock,	350	

Those taxpayers whose invoice exceeded \$5,000 in value were,—Daniel E. Colby, Luther McCutchins, Jonathan D. Fiske, Nahum T. Greenwood, George W. Herrick, Edwin A. Jones, Austin Messer, Marcus Nelson, James E. Shepard, Charles S. Sargent, New London Scythe Company. The whole number of real-estate owners, excluding non-residents, was 181, of whom 24 were women. Taxes were paid on 54 dogs. The following table gives the yearly tax, appropriation for schools (not including repairs and new buildings), and the total amount of town charges and expenses. No separate account of the sum expended for highways was kept until a later period.

Year.	Assessed Tax.	Schools.	Town Charges.
1851	\$2,081.93	\$443.97	\$3,926.34
1852	1,934.64	510.21	3,021.57
1853	1,486.32	498 51	2,746 52
1854	2,022.90	520.91	2,729.00
1855	1,944.04	604.80	2,654 26
1856	2,129.16	684.87	3,315.52
1857	2,487.56	682.55	3,658 88
1858	2,800.98	714.77	3,379 49
1859	2,793.33	691.33	3,587.65
1860	3,188.45	705.14	5,154.26
1861	3,080.09	695.24	5,222.26
1862	3,359.19	694.95	12,201.37
1863	5,044.89	717.76	19,234.58
1864	5,600.42	740.64	19,156.42
1865	6,350.39	675.80	18,549.09
1866	6,955.54	715.97	8,921.32
1867	6,465.09	739 52	9,847.68
1868	6,602.31	838.82	9 835.52
1869	6,792.61	916.81	15,188.02
1870	6,793.48	918.71	14,151.08
1871	6,935 51	1,204.19	10,202.43
1872	5,196.40	1,214.35	9,963.79
1873	6,488.69	1,184.79	11,978.86
1874	5,219.14	1,182.09	18,712.21
1875	5,499.32	1,252.95	8,352.97

The town farm during this period more than paid its expenses in nineteen out of the twenty-five years, the surplus in some instances exceeding two hundred dollars. The town

debt incurred during the war amounted to \$25,126 in 1865. This sum was in notes, ranging from \$26 to \$2,000, held by townspeople, and these were gradually paid off as funds became available. The period closed with a comparatively less favorable statistical showing than in 1850, which was to be expected with the depression emanating from four years of civil conflict. The list of town officials which follows is of special interest, in that it includes so many of those still numbered among the townspeople,—men who have borne the burden and heat of the day and are now enjoying the fruits of their labor.

TOWN OFFICERS FROM 1851 TO 1875.

Moderators.

- 1851.—March 11, G. W. Everett; April 3, Oren T. Hayes.
 1852.—March 9, G. W. Everett; Nov. 2, B. P. Burpee.
 1853.—March 8, April 6, May 2, B. P. Burpee; June 7, Amos Page.
 1854.—March 14, B. P. Burpee.
 1855.—March 13, G. W. Everett.
 1856.—March 11, G. W. Everett; Nov. 4, A. C. Burpee.
 1857.—March 10, A. C. Burpee.
 1858.—March 9, A. C. Burpee; Oct. 2, S. M. Whipple.
 1859.—March 8, D. E. Colby; May 14, Luther McCutchins.
 1860.—March 13, Nov. 6, D. E. Colby.
 1861.—March 12, D. E. Colby; Aug. 20, Luther McCutchins; Nov. 23, A. C. Burpee.
 1862.—March 11, D. E. Colby; Aug. 20, Sept. 20, Luther McCutchins.
 1863.—March 10, D. E. Colby; May 14, Micajah Morgan; June 6, Joseph E. Phillips; Sept. 3, Andrew J. Kidder.
 1864.—March 8, D. E. Colby; Aug. 13, Luther McCutchins; Nov. 8, Charles S. Sargent.
 1865.—Jan. 7, Nathaniel C. Todd, 2d; March 14, Nahum T. Greenwood.
 1866.—March 13, N. T. Greenwood.
 1867-1870.—D. E. Colby.
 1871-1873.—C. S. Sargent.
 1874-1875.—Joseph M. Clough.

Town Clerks.

1851-1854, Charles S. Sargent; 1855-1856, Marcus E. Sargent; 1857-1858, Samuel M. Carr; 1859-1860, Anthony C. Burpee; 1861, C. S. Sargent; 1862-1863, M. E. Sargent; 1864-1866, Edwin A. Jones; 1867, George Woodward; 1868, George Woodward, M. E. Sargent; 1869-1870, M. E. Sargent; 1871-1872, James H. Burpee; 1873-1875, George Woodward.

Town Treasurer.

1873.—Daniel E. Colby.

Selectmen.

1851.—Luther McCutchins, Edmund J. Ring, James Todd.
1852.—Luther McCutchins, James Todd, A. B. Pillsbury.
1853-1854.—B. P. Burpee, Amos Page, B. C. Clement.
1855-1856.—Albert Little, J. R. Addison, S. F. Sargent.
1857.—Albert Little, Jacob Messer, N. C. Knowlton.
1858.—Luther McCutchins, Jacob Messer, N. C. Knowlton.
1859-1860.—Luther McCutchins, A. B. Pillsbury, James Morgan.
1861.—Luther McCutchins, Micajah Morgan, D. E. Colby.
1862.—Micajah Morgan, A. B. Pillsbury, Ebenezer H. Adams.
1863.—Micajah Morgan, A. B. Pillsbury, Jacob Messer.
1864-1866.—Luther McCutchins, A. C. Burpee, James M. Nelson.
1867.—Luther McCutchins, A. C. Burpee, A. R. Hunting.
1868.—Luther McCutchins, A. R. Hunting, Curtis Messer.
1869-1870.—Luther McCutchins, Hiram Sargent, H. Marshall Fales.
1871.—Luther McCutchins, L. P. Gould, Marcus Nelson.
1872.—Luther McCutchins, L. P. Gould, E. P. Burpee.
1873.—Luther McCutchins, E. P. Burpee, R. A. Bunker.
1874-1875.—Micajah Morgan, L. P. Gould, George W. Sargent.

Representatives to the General Court.

1851, Luther McCutchins; 1852, George W. Everett;
1853-1854, Benjamin P. Burpee; 1855, Joseph E. Phillips;

1856, G. W. Everett; 1857, Daniel E. Colby; 1858, Richard H. Messer; 1859, Albert Little; 1860, Anthony Colby; 1861, Anthony C. Burpee; 1862, Richard Oren Messer; 1863, Charles S. Sargent; 1864, Valentine E. Bunker; 1865, Rev. Lucien Hayden; 1866, Joseph M. Clough; 1867, Joseph C. Herrick; 1868, James C. Greenwood; 1869, Nahum T. Greenwood; 1870, Albert R. Hunting; 1871-1872, Edwin A. Jones; 1873, Luther McCutchins; 1874-1875, H. M. Fales.

Constables and Tax Collectors.

1851, Dennis H. Adams; 1852-1853, Henry R. Gates; 1854-1856, Isaac C. Pattee; 1857-1858, Hugh B. Clough; 1859-1860, Charles Morgan; 1861-1862, Andrew J. Kidder; 1863-1864, Albert Little; 1865-1866, Austin R. Todd; 1867-1875, Daniel M. Annis.

Auditors.

1851, John Trussell, Stephen C. Robie, Benjamin P. Burpee; 1852, John Trussell, B. P. Burpee; 1853, Samuel Shepard, Stephen Davis, Luther McCutchins; 1854-1857, none chosen; 1858, B. P. Burpee, John Trussell, Eben Knight; 1859, John Trussell, Stephen Davis, Samuel Shepard; 1860, Eben Knight, E. G. Hastings, John Trussell; 1861, John Trussell, Charles Jewett, Andrew J. Sargent; 1862, Stephen Davis, John Trussell, Amos Page; 1863, George M. Knight, E. G. Hastings, Luther McCutchins, James H. Brown; 1864, G. M. Knight, Stephen Davis, James E. Shepard; 1865, G. M. Knight, Stephen Davis; 1866, G. M. Knight, Stephen Davis, John Trussell; 1867-1868, G. M. Knight, William Morgan; 1869-1870, G. M. Knight, John Trussell; 1871, G. M. Knight, James H. Brown; 1872, G. M. Knight, Marcus Nelson; 1873, G. M. Knight, Oliver K. Russell; 1874, G. M. Knight, Nahum T. Greenwood; 1875, Charles S. Sargent, Henry W. Seamans.

Tithingmen.

1851-1852, Luther McCutchins, Stephen Davis, Joel Fletcher; 1853, Henry Gates, Joel Fletcher, Job C. Cross.

Pound-Keepers.

1851, William Clark; 1852, John O. Bartlett; 1853-1862,

William Clark; 1863-1865, Horace Morgan; 1866-1870, Nathaniel C. Todd, 2d; 1871, Horace Clark; 1872, John M. Dow.

Sealers of Weights and Measures.

1851, Jesse Baker; 1852, Robert F. Pearce; 1853-1857, John M. Dow; 1858, Jesse Baker; 1859-1875, John M. Dow.

Measurers of Wood.

1851, John M. Hayes, Daniel E. Colby, Charles Guild, Luther McCutchins, Zachariah Richardson, Thomas B. Osgood, Israel Hunting; 1852, D. E. Colby, Charles Guild, Luther McCutchins, J. M. Hayes, Z. Richardson, T. B. Osgood, Robert F. Pearce; 1853, Anthony C. Burpee, J. M. Hayes, R. F. Pearce, Hezekiah E. Hanson, A. Burpee Pillsbury, D. E. Colby, Artemas Whitney; 1854, A. C. Burpee, J. M. Hayes, David Gay, R. F. Pearce, Albert Little, A. B. Pillsbury, Joseph Trussell; 1855, J. M. Hayes, Charles Guild, Nahum T. Greenwood, James C. Greenwood; 1856, Luther McCutchins, Joshua D. Hemphill, D. E. Colby, John M. Dow, A. C. Burpee, J. M. Hayes; 1857, J. M. Hayes, D. E. Colby, N. T. and J. C. Greenwood, J. D. Hemphill, William Bennett, Reuben M. Call, Joseph Trussell, Timothy H. Quimby; 1858, J. M. Hayes, N. T. and J. C. Greenwood, Thomas S. Worthen, Wm. Bennett, Amos B. Currier; 1859-1860, J. M. Hayes, N. T. and J. C. Greenwood, Gage Woodward, Ephraim Hastings, J. D. Hemphill, Nathan D. Pingree, T. S. Worthen, J. W. Buswell, John Trussell, A. B. Currier; 1861, J. M. Hayes, A. C. Burpee, T. H. Quimby, W. Taylor Bean, R. Oren Messer, N. D. Pingree, J. D. Hemphill, John Trussell; 1862, E. G. Hastings, Edwin A. Jones, T. H. Quimby, J. C. Greenwood, A. C. Burpee; 1863, George M. Knight, Charles S. Sargent, J. C. Greenwood, A. C. Burpee; 1864, G. M. Knight, Oliver K. Russell, Benton M. Stanley, J. C. Greenwood, E. A. Jones, C. S. Sargent, J. D. Hemphill; 1865, O. K. Russell, N. C. Todd, 2d, A. C. Burpee, G. M. Knight, E. A. Jones, Joseph Trussell, Samuel M. Carr, Jonathan G. Everett; 1866, J. G. Everett, S. M. Carr, Charles Jewett, Claude Goings, O. K. Russell, E. A. Jones, Joseph Trussell, J. D. Hemphill; 1867, T. S. Worthen, J. G. Everett, O. K. Russell, Joseph Trussell, N. T. Greenwood, Stephen Wood-

ward, E. A. Jones; 1868, N. T. Greenwood, E. A. Jones, S. Woodward, Kittredge Collins, O. K. Russell, G. M. Knight, Arthur Morgan, T. S. Worthen; 1869, N. T. Greenwood, G. M. Knight, Charles Pingree, O. K. Russell, T. S. Worthen, Addison Parker, E. A. Jones, J. G. Everett, Alonzo P. Nichols; 1870, O. K. Russell, Reo Farwell, G. M. Knight, Stephen J. Dean, J. G. Everett, Joseph Trussell, E. A. Jones, N. T. Greenwood; 1871, N. Columbus Knowlton, O. K. Russell, Joseph Russell, Irving Sanborn, J. G. Everett, E. A. Jones, A. C. Burpee; 1872, J. Miller Pike, Jacob H. Todd, O. K. Russell, A. C. Burpee, E. A. Jones, T. S. Worthen, G. M. Knight, J. G. Everett; 1873, E. A. Jones, A. C. Burpee, Addison Parker, S. J. Dean, O. K. Russell, Charles A. Everett; 1874, James H. Burpee, A. Nelson Todd, C. A. Everett, J. G. Everett, E. A. Jones, O. K. Russell, Frank P. Messer, Addison Parker; 1875, F. P. Messer, Addison Parker, J. M. Pike, C. A. Everett, E. A. Jones, A. N. Todd, O. K. Russell.

Surveyors of Lumber.

1851-1852, Joseph Trussell, J. D. Hemphill, R. F. Pearce, N. D. Pingree, J. M. Jewett, D. E. Colby; 1853, Charles Burpee, J. D. Hemphill, J. M. Hayes, Joseph Nelson, H. Fales, R. F. Pearce, Joseph Trussell, Samuel Messer; 1854, J. D. Hemphill, T. H. Quimby, Joseph Trussell, N. D. Pingree, Benjamin C. Davis, J. G. Everett; 1855, A. B. Pillsbury, Joseph Trussell, T. H. Quimby, B. C. Davis, Samuel Messer, J. G. Everett; 1856, John Trussell, J. D. Hemphill, Edmund Davis; 1857, Joseph Trussell, T. H. Quimby, D. E. Colby; 1858, Gage Woodward, J. D. Hemphill, John Trussell, J. C. Greenwood; 1861, J. D. Hemphill, John Trussell, Gage Woodward, Charles Woodward, G. M. Knight, Charles Pingree; 1862, J. D. Hemphill, T. H. Quimby, John Trussell, G. M. Knight, N. T. Greenwood, R. O. Messer; 1863, J. D. Hemphill, Gage Woodward, E. A. Jones; 1865, J. D. Hemphill, Charles Woodward, B. M. Stanley, J. G. Everett; 1866, B. M. Stanley, E. A. Jones, J. D. Hemphill, Joseph Trussell, Charles Pingree, G. M. Knight, Stephen Davis, N. C. Todd, 2d, S. M. Carr; 1871, Joseph Russell, John Trussell, S. J. Dean; 1873, Addison Parker, J. G. Everett, S. J. Dean, G. M. Knight; 1874, Addison Parker, S. J. Dean, Charles

Woodward, Joseph Trussell; 1875, G. M. Knight, J. M. Pike, Charles Woodward, Gage Woodward, Addison Parker, J. H. Burpee.

Fence Viewers.

1851, Samuel Shepard, Amos Page, John J. Sargent; 1852, Stephen Davis, Amos Page, Stephen Sargent; 1853, J. J. Sargent, Joel Fletcher, Samuel Shepard; 1855-1856, Isaac Bunker, Robert Todd, Luther McCutchins; 1857, N. C. Knowlton, Wm. Morgan, Moses Burpee; 1858, N. W. Knowlton, Wm. Morgan, Capt. Stephen Davis; 1859-1860, Anthony Colby, Stephen Davis, Reuben M. Call; 1861, R. M. Call, Amos Page, John Trussell; 1864, Wm. Morgan, Stephen Davis, N. C. Todd, 2d; 1865, Stephen Davis, N. C. Todd, 2d, J. C. Greenwood; 1866, S. Davis, N. C. Todd, 2d, S. M. Carr; 1867, J. C. Greenwood, G. M. Knight, B. M. Stanley; 1868, M. J. Adams, G. M. Knight, N. C. Todd, 2d, Wm. Morgan; 1869, John Trussell, Ausbon French, M. J. Adams; 1870, N. C. Todd, 2d, Belden Morgan, Addison Parker; 1871, N. C. Todd, 2d, A. B. Everett, D. A. George, Elbridge Burpee; 1872, H. M. Fales, M. J. Adams, E. C. Adams, G. M. Knight; 1873, N. C. Todd, 2d, Charles Crockett, W. S. Messer; 1874, N. C. Todd, 2d, Nathaniel Knowlton; 1875, W. A. Messer, M. J. Adams, Thomas B. Abbot.

Hogreeves.

1851, Hezekiah Mills, Oren Tracy Hayes, Dennis H. Adams, Edmund Davis, Jr., Joseph Trussell, John C. Brown, Daniel M. Burpee, John O. Bartlett; 1852, Oren Messer, Micajah Morgan, Trask W. Raleigh, Joseph C. Messer, Joel D. Cutts, Samuel Hewitt, J. M. Jewett, A. S. Page, N. C. Knowlton, E. S. Putney, Peter Sargent, Alexander Lane, Newton Manahan; 1853, B. C. Davis, Norman B. Adams, Wm. A. Mills, Micajah Morgan, W. S. Messer, N. D. Pingree, Oren Messer, Joseph H. Messer, W. H. Haynes, B. C. Haynes, Job Cross; 1855, B. P. Burpee, Horace Sargent, Daniel Osgood, G. W. Craft, Jr., Richard Cross, G. W. Haynes, W. H. Haynes; 1856, O. K. Russell, Elias Davis, Joel D. Cutts, Belden Morgan, Thomas Chase, Stephen Davis, I. Romance Chase, Wm. Poor, Nathaniel

Pettengill; 1857, Robert Davis, Abel F. Hobbs, Thurston Farwell, H. M. Fales, J. R. Addison, Chester Barrett, Timothy Crowley; 1858, J. G. Carr, S. M. Carr, J. C. Adams, D. F. Hobbs, Jr., J. D. Hemphill, I. Rodney Bunker, Claude Goings; 1859, E. P. Burpee, Rev. Lucian Hayden, Jacob Messer, Adna Fowler, W. M. Dowling, George Ellis; 1860, Lorenzo Worthen, C. C. Gardner, Gideon Wilkins, Joseph Gove, Giles Goings, S. K. Pike; 1861, Charles Pingree, Elbridge Burpee, John M. Messer, Sylvander French, R. A. Bunker, Joseph H. Messer, Nelson Todd, Austin W. Messer; 1862, Jonathan Loverin, Horace Eaton, Simeon Morgan, Benjamin Everett, Lorenzo Folsom, Phillip Chase, Adams Matthews, Wm. French, Newton Everett, John Hall, John Ellis, W. M. Dole, Jerome Worthen; 1863, Edgar L. Wheeler, G. E. Baker, S. R. Hanaford; 1864, J. E. Shepard, Wm. Messer; 1865, C. C. Phillips, J. H. Burpee, Charles Whitney, Nathaniel Knowlton; 1867, Walter Pingree, Frank Dow, Stephen Whittier, Manley Gay, George Messer, Charles Everett, George Watson; 1868, Solon Cooper, D. A. George, Erwin Cate, Kittredge Collins, Reuben Dickey; 1869, Ruel Whitcomb, Herbert Morgan, Charles Woodward, John Roby; 1870, Wm. Clark, Wm. Prescott, Jacob Messer, J. Sherman Phillips; 1871, Wm. Fitzgerald, N. C. Todd, 2d, Sanford Fisher, N. S. Clark; 1872, Robert A. Blood, Adelbert Messer, Roger Williams; 1873, George Sholes, J. G. Everett, Laban E. Warren; 1874, Baxter Gay, George Fisher, Henry S. Arey, Henry Todd, Edwin Whitcomb; 1875, Joseph M. Clough, Charles W. Gay.

Highway Surveyors.

1851.—Edmund Davis, Jr., A. S. Page, Edmund Davis, Wm. Morgan, Job Seamans, Joel Fletcher, E. S. Putney, H. R. Gates, Israel Hunting, Samuel Shepard, Alexander Whitney, N. D. Pingree, Asa Gay, Enoch Messer, Thomas Worthen, S. M. Carr, Samuel Glidden.

1852.—Amos Currier, Peter Sargent, S. K. Pike, Wm. Todd, Elias Davis, Horatio Fales, Micajah Morgan, Luther McCutchins, Milton Everett, Ira Smith, Hial Thompson, J. K. Woodward, John Hutchins, John Williams, H. E. Hanson, S. F. Sargent, Abel Hobbs.

1853.—Aaron Young, John Colby, John Currier, John Manahan, Daniel Bickford, Jr., Stephen Davis, W. S. Messer, G. W. Sargent, J. R. Addison, Samuel Shepard, Asa L. Haskins, J. K. Woodward, Samuel Greenwood, Enoch Messer, Nathaniel Messer, J. G. Carr, Robert Todd.

1854.—A. B. Currier, Amos Page, B. C. Davis, John Hastings, Oren Bickford, N. C. Knowlton, Jacob Messer, J. J. Sargent, James Morgan, Robert Fulton, John S. Hardy, Charles Pingree, R. G. Cross.

1855.—E. Davis, Jr., A. S. Page, S. K. Pike, Wm. Morgan, Joseph Trussell, H. Fales, W. S. Messer, R. A. Bunker, B. W. Gay, Nahum T. Smith, Dustin Wilkins, Hiram Sargent, B. E. Burpee, John Williams, J. W. Taylor, John Brown, G. W. Craft, J. C. Greenwood.

1856.—Robert Fulton, Alvin Hastings, John Q. Currier, Wm. Todd, Reuben Call, David Towle, Henry W. Putney, Luther McCutchins, Milton Everett, Ira Smith, Asa L. Haskins, J. C. Adams, Asa Gay, Richard Cross, J. C. Burpee, J. G. Carr, Abel F. Hobbs, J. G. Everett.

1857.—E. Davis, Jr., Charles Jewett, J. M. Jewett, James Todd, E. G. Hastings, Horace Sargent, E. S. Putney, Stephen Messer, Job Cross, Lewis W. Heath, Dustin Wilkins, Wm. Bennett, J. W. Buswell, Enoch Messer, Wm. Dowling, G. W. Everett, B. R. Andrews, J. E. Phillips.

1858.—Robert Fulton, Amos Page, J. M. Pike, Belden Morgan, Curtis Messer, Joseph Russell, W. S. Messer, G. W. Sargent, Charles Crockett, Wm. Prescott, Moses Haskins, Joseph H. Messer, J. G. Hunting, John Williams, Robert Davis, Anthony Colby, J. T. Prescott, Wm. Whittier.

1859.—Albert Morse, Amos Hastings, A. B. Currier, James Todd, Eben Knight, E. H. Adams, H. W. Putney, Luther McCutchins, S. B. Philbrick, L. A. W. Heath, Dustin Wilkins, Ephraim Morrill, Enoch Messer, T. S. Worthen, J. N. Hanaford, G. W. Craft, J. G. Everett.

1860.—Lorenzo Worthen, A. S. Worthen, B. C. Davis, Wm. Morgan, Daniel Bickford, A. E. Burpee, Oliver Mills, Stephen Messer, A. B. Pillsbury, Amos Page, Charles Whitney, Amos G. Woodward, Asa Gay, John Williams, J. D. Hemphill, Ausbon French, W. Taylor Bean, H. R. Gates.

1861.—E. Davis, Jr., S. K. Pike, Nathaniel Knowlton, Wm. Todd, Wm. Clark, H. M. Fales, Francis Battles, N. D. Pingree, Job Cross, Marcus Nelson, Dustin Wilkins, Benjamin Sargent, E. C. Adams, Frank P. Messer, T. H. Quimby, S. M. Carr, Charles Crockett, J. E. Phillips.

1862.—Robert Fulton, Albert Worthen, J. M. Pike, James Todd, Joseph Trussell, Stephen Davis, Wm. Dole, Stephen Messer, S. B. Philbrick, D. M. Annis, Charles Whitney, Charles Pingree, Asa Gay, Enoch Messer, T. H. Quimby, E. P. Burpee, Charles Crockett, J. G. Everett.

1863.—E. Davis, Jr., Amos Hastings, A. B. Currier, Newton Manahan, E. G. Hastings, E. H. Adams, Levi P. Nichols, G. W. Sargent, A. M. Morgan, Abijah Davis, Dustin Wilkins, David Baldwin, J. W. Buswell, John Williams, T. H. Quimby, Daniel S. Seamans, Madison Nelson, W. G. Nelson.

1864.—Augustus Preston, Charles Jewett, Belden Morgan, Horace Morgan, John B. Roby, W. S. Messer, Luther McCutchins, Wm. Wilbur, Lewis Heath, Charles Whitney, J. C. Adams, J. W. Buswell, David Jones, Sanford Fisher, Ausbon French, Nelson Todd, Jesse Baker.

1865.—E. Davis, Jr., Amos Hastings, Hiram Baker, Joseph Andrews, Horace Clark, Horace Sargent, E. S. Putney, Stephen Woodward, James Morgan, Marcus Nelson, Dustin Wilkins, Charles Pingree, S. M. Carr, J. W. Buswell, John Williams, J. D. Hemphill, W. T. Bean, J. E. Phillips.

1866.—Elbridge Mitchell, Charles Jewett, Nathaniel Knowlton, Simeon Morgan, Horace Clark, N. C. Knowlton, H. W. Putney, J. G. Loverin, Micajah Morgan, J. E. Shepard, Adna S. Fowler, Stephen Whittier, J. W. Buswell, F. P. Messer, J. D. Hemphill, Ausbon French, H. M. Fales, J. G. Everett.

1867.—Freeman Fulton, Amos Hastings, B. C. Davis, J. H. Todd, R. M. Call, M. J. Adams, Hezekiah Messer, J. D. Hemphill, Micajah Morgan, L. A. W. Heath, Moses Haskins, Hiram Sargent, D. M. Annis, David Smith, Nathaniel Messer, Ausbon French, H. M. Fales, J. G. Everett.

1868.—Augustus Preston, Albert Worthen, James M. Jewett, Newton Manahan, Joseph Trussell, Addison Parker, W. A. Messer, N. D. Pingree, James Morgan, Leonard P.

Gould, Charles Whitney, Walter Pingree, G. W. Buswell, Harrison Williams, Samuel Bagley, Ausbon French, Charles Crockett, Dustin Wilkins.

1869.—Edmund Davis, Daniel George, A. B. Currier, James Todd, J. M. Dow, J. B. Roby, H. W. Putney, Job Cross, Moses Haskins, J. G. Hunting, George Fisher, Albert Little, G. W. Sargent, J. E. Shepard, David Baldwin, G. P. Sholes, Ausbon French, J. G. Everett.

1870.—E. F. Mitchell, Amos Hastings, Nathaniel Knowlton, Herbert Morgan, Daniel Bickford, Benton Stanley, S. D. Messer, J. G. Loverin, Luther McCutchins, Wm. Prescott, Wm. Fitzgerald, Joseph H. Messer, Harrison Williams, Reo Farwell, Ausbon French, Asa N. Todd, Oren Messer.

1871.—Augustus Preston, Austin Goings, J. M. Pike, Belden Morgan, N. C. Todd, 2d, N. C. Knowlton, Levi Nichols, R. A. Bunker, Luther McCutchins, Austin Morgan, Henry H. Longley, G. W. F. Hayes, C. W. Gay, Harrison Williams, T. S. Worthen, Ausbon French, H. M. Fales, J. G. Everett.

1872.—John M. Messer, Charles Jewett, J. M. Pike, James Todd, Horace Clark, Arthur E. Burpee, Sargent Putney, G. W. Sargent, Luther McCutchins, Austin Morgan, Charles Whitney, Walter Pingree, J. G. Hunting, Harrison Williams, Joseph Russell, Ausbon French, Charles T. Folsom, J. G. Everett.

1873.—Albert N. Preston, Jonathan George, A. B. Currier, Newton Manahan, N. C. Todd, 2d, B. M. Stanley, Moses Messer, N. D. Pingree, Luther McCutchins, L. P. Gould, Moses Haskins, Hiram Sargent, B. E. Burpee, Harrison Williams, George Fisher, Ausbon French, A. N. Todd, J. G. Everett.

1874.—Augustus Preston, Amos Hastings, Frank Jewett, Belden Morgan, Frank Dow, Reo Farwell, Sargent Putney, N. D. Pingree, Luther McCutchins, Austin Morgan, Wm. Fitzgerald, Charles Pingree, Charles W. Gay, G. P. Sholes, Christopher Fisher, Joseph C. Herrick, J. H. Todd, C. C. Phillips.

1875.—Edmund Davis, Charles Jewett, Nathaniel Knowlton, E. A. Todd, N. C. Todd, 2d, Horace Sargent, Moses Messer, N. D. Pingree, James Morgan, J. E. Shepard, H. H.

Longley, David Baldwin, Levi Sanborn, G. P. Sholes, Addison Parker, Stephen Messer, Adelbert Messer, J. G. Everett.

Grand Jurors.

1851, Charles Guild, B. P. Burpee; 1852, Daniel F. Hobbs, Charles S. Sargent; 1853, Artemas Whitney, Micajah Morgan; 1855, J. C. Herrick, Charles Guild; 1856, Ebenezer H. Adams; 1857, Amos B. Currier; 1858, J. D. Hemphill; 1859, J. W. Buswell, H. M. Fales; 1860, S. B. Philbrick; 1861, W. G. Nelson; 1862, J. G. Carr, Albert Morse; 1863, Job C. Cross; 1864, W. S. Messer; 1865, Austin W. Messer; 1866, Asa N. Todd; 1867, Enoch C. Adams; 1868, Charles Crockett; 1869, Hiram Baker; 1870, James H. Brown, A. B. Currier; 1871, Charles Whitney; 1873, F. P. Messer, Thomas Farwell.

Petit Jurors.

1851, J. E. Phillips, R. H. Messer, A. C. Burpee, James Morgan; 1852, J. M. Dow, John Brown, J. G. Everett, B. C. Clement; 1853, S. M. Carr, James Todd; 1854, Amos Page, H. R. Gates; 1855, John Trussell, Marcus Sargent, Robert Todd, Jacob Messer; 1856, J. G. Carr, Curtis Messer, Anthony Colby, Isaac C. Pattee, Hiram Davis, Eli Todd; 1857, J. C. Greenwood, N. C. Knowlton, A. B. Pillsbury, S. F. Sargent, Job Cross, Isaac Eastman, B. R. Andrews, J. E. Phillips, Thomas Farwell; 1858, G. W. F. Hayes, G. W. Sargent, Charles Jewett, Hiram Sargent, B. C. Haynes, Joseph Trussell; 1859, Ausbon French, Richard H. Messer, S. M. Carr, E. C. Adams, D. E. Colby, Eben Knight, G. M. Knight; 1860, John Trussell, B. E. Burpee, Luther McCutchins; 1861, W. T. Bean, J. H. Messer, A. B. Currier, James Todd; 1862, H. W. Putney, Wm. Morgan; 1863, Hiram Sargent, Micajah Morgan, Abijah Davis, T. S. Worthen; 1864, Curtis Messer, A. B. Pillsbury, Asa Gay, Arthur M. Morgan; 1865, A. C. Burpee, A. J. Kidder, J. C. Greenwood; 1866, J. H. Messer, Hiram Baker, Luther McCutchins, James Morgan, H. R. Gates; 1867, R. A. Bunker, Stephen Messer, James H. Brown, A. B. Currier, G. M. Knight; 1868, Belden Morgan, N. C. Knowlton, J. G. Loverin; 1869, Charles Crockett, M. J. Adams, Luther

McCutchins, Addison Parker, A. C. Burpee; 1870, D. E. Colby, O. K. Russell, Micajah Morgan, L. P. Gould, M. E. Sargent, Hiram Sargent; 1871, E. P. Burpee, Elbridge Mitchell, Levi Nichols, Marcus Nelson, J. B. Roby, H. M. Fales; 1872, Ausbon French, M. J. Adams, O. K. Russell, Albert R. Hunting, J. G. Loverin; 1873, Job Cross, N. C. Knowlton, James Todd, C. W. Gay, Curtis Messer, Charles Woodward.

Superintending School Committee.

1851, Rev. E. Dodge, G. W. Everett, E. J. Ring; 1852, Rev. E. Dodge; 1853, Ephraim Knight, G. W. Everett, S. M. Whipple; 1854, Ephraim Knight; 1855, George W. Gardner; 1856, G. W. Gardner, Henry F. Lane; 1857, G. W. Everett; 1858, Rev. Lucian Hayden, Prof. Mark True; 1859, Prof. Mark True; 1860, Rev. Lucian Hayden, Ephraim Knight, S. M. Carr; 1861, S. M. Carr; 1862, Rev. Lucian Hayden, Ephraim Knight; 1863-1867, Rev. Lucian Hayden; 1868, A. W. Sawyer; 1869-1873, N. C. Todd; 1874, Rev. S. C. Fletcher; 1875, Charles W. Gay.

Postmasters.

1851-1875.—(New London) John M. Hayes, Anthony Colby, Nahum T. Greenwood, George Woodward.

1865-1875.—(Scytheville) Francis F. Seamans, Fannie Gates, Marcus E. Sargent, James H. Burpee.

CHAPTER X.

GENEALOGIES OF DESCENDANTS OF EARLIER NEW LONDON FAMILIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1851 TO 1875 INCLUSIVE, AND OF NEW REAL ESTATE OWNERS WHO ACQUIRED A RESIDENCE DURING THE SAME PERIOD.

With very few exceptions it has been possible to make the biographical sketches of those citizens belonging to the fourth historical period unusually complete, and in every instance all the information available within reasonable limits of time and space has been used to the fullest extent.

ADAMS, DENNIS H.—Dennis H., oldest son of Solomon and Mary (Collins) Adams [216], appears on the N. L. tax-list as a realty-holder in 1848. By occupation he was a shoemaker and peddler. He afterwards removed to Sutton, where he is still living. His first wife, Betsey Ann, dau. of Dea Dexter and Betsey (Pingree) Everett [240], d. in Sutton, Sept. 14, 1864. Dennis m. (2), Dec. 16, 1865, Betsey (Clough) Upton, widow of Robert Upton of Wilmot. Children:

1. Julia Ann, b. Sept. 3, 1852; d. Sept. 14, 1865.
2. Augusta Maria, b. May 21, 1856; m., May 12, 1872, John G. Hazen; res. in Sutton.
3. William H. H., b. Oct. 23, 1866; m., April 13, 1887, Fannie A. Cate.

ADAMS, EBENEZER H.—Ebenezer Adams came to N. L. in 1849, and res. at Burpee hill on the Whitney farm. His wife was a sister of Joel Cutts, and a native of Goshen, where the family later removed. They had three children,—Imri, who settled in Goshen, and Aurora and Martha.

ADAMS, ENOCH C.—Enoch C. Adams was a grandson of Benjamin Adams [66] by his son Matthew, who seems to have settled in Newbury and there married a second wife, Hannah Cheney, who was the mother of Enoch. He was b. Newbury, Aug. 7, 1809, and his first wife was Mary Ann Chase, sister of Mrs. Greene Johnson of Wilmot, and an aunt of Mrs. Benjamin Everett of Elkins. Enoch res. in Newbury, and his wife d. there. He m. (2) Mrs. Elizabeth B. (Eaton) Nourse, and removed to N. L. in February, 1849, living in the Charles Wells house at Low Plain. July 7, 1880, he was attacked by an enraged bull in the Luther Trussell pasture, and so seriously injured that death ensued three days later. His widow now res. with a son by her first husband, Phineas A. Nourse, b. Feb. 18, 1845, who lived with the family at N. L. until he was of age, and is now in business at Fitchburg, Mass. Children of Enoch and Elizabeth Adams:

1. Osmon Bailey, b. Bradford, Dec. 12, 1847; d. N. L., April 18, 1849.
2. Francis Redford, b. July 28, 1850; d. Dec. 14, 1853.
3. Frank Belville, b. Oct. 15, 1854; is a physician in Plymouth, Mich.
4. Cyrus Willie, b. Sept. 20, 1860; res. in Portsmouth, R. I.

ADAMS, JOSEPH C.—Joseph C., second son of Solomon and Mary (Collins) Adams [216], has been a life-long resident of his native town, a worthy and respected citizen. Joseph was born in the original John Sargent house, and that same year his father built the homestead on Pleasant street, which remained in the family until 1897. About 1847, when shoemaking was a profitable industry, the “Adams boys” built the shop near the homestead, and used it for the bottoming of sale shoes, employing at times as many as eight helpers. Joseph and his wife now res. with their younger son in the George Bickford house. Mrs. Adams is the dau. of John Wiggin of Springfield, b. July 1, 1835, and has two brothers, John V. B. Wiggin of Sunapee and Martin Monroe Wiggin of Springfield. Joseph Adams’s children are,—

1. Elmer E., b. March 30, 1862; m., Nov. 6, 1895, Minnie, dau. of Sargent and Maria (Woodward) Richardson of Sutton; res. in N. L.
2. Herman S., b. Feb. 3, 1871; m., Sept. 12, 1895, Flora M., dau. of Frank M. and Eva (Chick) Everett of Penacook; res. in N. L.

ADAMS, NORMAN B.—Norman B., youngest son of Solomon and Mary (Collins) Adams [216], followed the occupation of shoemaking like his brothers, and was a skilful and industrious workman; res. on the Dr. Morrill place in the West Part, and for several years at Scytheville, in the W. C. Nye house. Norman d. May 6, 1889. Hannah (Sargent) Adams, b. Dunbarton, Jan. 15, 1833, m. (2), April 20, 1892, Solon, son of Rev. David Cooper, and res. in N. L. Children of Norman Adams:

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. May 10, 1854; m., June 30, 1874, William C., son of Newell J. Nye; res. in N. L.
2. Lora Susan, b. March 9, 1858; m., Feb. 20, 1876, James I., son of Martin L. and Judith (Merrill) Walker of Sutton, b. Jan. 7, 1849; res. in Sutton. Children:
 - (1). Harry L., b. Feb. 22, 1877.
 - (2). Eva M., b. Oct. 25, 1881.
3. Charles Gardner, b. May 1, 1865; m., April 5, 1890, Fannie Mae, dau. of Warren Daggett; res. at North Sutton.
4. Minnie Abiah Grace, b. Dec. 20, 1872; d. Nov. 14, 1874.

ANDREWS, JOSEPH.—Joseph, son of Perley and Elizabeth (Muzzey) Andrews of Sutton, b. July 27, 1819, res. in N. L.

for several years in the '60s, removing thence to Keene. He d. in Saxton's River, Vt., Feb. 17, 1887. Joseph m., May 14, 1843, Mary A. Frasier of Brunswick, Vt. Children:

1. Emma E., b. March 24, 1844; d. Oct. 4, 1857.
2. Almira H., b. July 6, 1846; m., Dec. 24, 1868, Herbert Morgan, and res. for a short time in N. L.
3. Helen M., b. March 6, 1849; m., March 12, 1876, Herbert Morgan (his second wife).

ANNIS, DANIEL M.—Daniel M. Annis, b. Londonderry, 1836, who m. the youngest dau. of Amos Page [272], became a resident of N. L. in 1862. He enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 21, 1862, was wounded severely at Spottsylvania, May 16, 1864, but served till the close of the war. He was tax collector for several years, and a worthy citizen of his adopted town; res. at Low Plain, on the farm formerly owned by Mrs. Amos Page, who d. there March 12, 1869. Daniel d. of typhoid pneumonia, March 14, 1877, and his widow now res. at Andover. Three daus., Nellie, Ada, and Winifred, are m., and res. in Andover.

AYER, OTIS.—Physician in N. L. from 1855 to 1857.

BAGLEY, SAMUEL.—A resident of N. L. in the '60s; blacksmith by trade, and had a shop at Otterville, just beyond the bridge. He is said to have come from Sutton, and removed to Enfield.

BAKER, BYRON K.—Byron, son of Jesse Baker below, was b. in Bradford, Vt., 1844; enlisted in Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 14, 1862, and was discharged disabled after a year's service; is a carpenter by trade, and res. at Elkins, in a house which he built in 1884. His wife is the dau. of Samuel and Laura (Marshall) Wheeler of Bradford, and granddaughter of Samuel and Betsey (Colby) Wheeler of Warner. Children:

1. Agnes, b. Jan. 3, 1878.
2. Alice, b. March 18, 1886.

BAKER, HIRAM.—The "Baker place" in the West Part, now owned by Mrs. Nathaniel Knowlton, takes its name from the Hiram Baker who moved there from Baker hill, Newbury, in 1860. He was the son of John and Clarissa (Everett) Baker, b. June 4, 1813, and d. N. L., July 1, 1890. His wife was Betsey, dau. of Amos and Betsey (Kelley) Felch, b.

Orange, Vt., Nov. 7, 1815; d. N. L., Oct. 14, 1890. Children:

1. B. Josie, b. July 4, 1850; m., May 11, 1888, B. Frank Merrill; res. in N. L.
2. Hiram Alonzo, b. Jan. 8, 1854; graduated Colby academy 1881; m., April 30, 1890, a Boston lady; res. 611 East Fifth street, Boston, and keeps a livery stable in connection with his business as dealer in hay and grain.

BAKER, JESSE.—Jesse Baker, b. Bradford, Vt., about 1804, came to N. L. in 1851, and res. in a house then standing on the site of the present Benjamin Everett place at Elkins. He was a blacksmith by trade, and accounted a good workman. The easterly end of the "big tenement" covers the spot where his shop stood. His wife, who d. Dec. 8, 1858, was Hannah Bliss of Bradford, Vt. Jesse was living at Andover in 1898. Children:

1. George, m. (1) Hannah Crosby of Andover, by whom he had two sons, Willie and George; m. (2) Hattie Shepard of Concord, and res. in Franklin; m. (3) Mrs. Rowe of Elkhart, Ind., where they had one child, now deceased.
2. Hattie, m. Jacob, son of Daniel and grandson of Jacob Dole [341].
3. Byron, m.; Aug. 24, 1872, Laura Wheeler; res. in N. L.
4. Emma, m. Charlie Davis; res. in Franklin; four children, one deceased.
5. Mary, unmarried; res. at Franklin.
6. Minnie, d. Jan. 1, 1864.
7. Abby, unmarried; res at home.

BALDWIN, DAVID.—The earliest known ancestor of the Baldwin family was John Baldwin, b. in England, who was in Billerica, Mass., in 1655. John m. Mary, dau. of Thomas and Mary Richardson of Woburn, Mass., and reared a family of ten children. The seventh child was Ensign Thomas, b. Billerica, March 26, 1672; d. Dec. 12, 1747. Ensign Thomas had at least eight children, the youngest of whom, Benjamin, b. Billerica, April 9, 1724, m., April 2, 1747, Sarah Pollard. The fruits of this marriage were two sons,—both b. Billerica—Benjamin, Jr., and Jeremiah. These two sons and their father were members of Capt. Jonathan Stickney's company, which formed a part of Colonel Bridge's regiment, and were in the battle of Bunker Hill. Jeremiah, the younger son, b. June

23, 1749, m., April 11, 1780, Rebecca Tolman, and res. in Billerica until about 1794, when he removed to Greenfield, this state. Seven children were born to them,—five in Billerica, two in Greenfield. The oldest, Jeremiah, Jr., b. Aug. 28, 1780, m., Feb. 14, 1815, Esther, dau. of Deacon Maynard of Hancock, and some years later took up his abode in that town. Jeremiah d. Hancock, May 7, 1827; Esther d. November, 1843. Of their five children, David, the youngest, b. Hancock, Nov. 13, 1825, appears as a real-estate owner in N. L. in 1856. Modest in bearing, his genuine manliness has made him respected by all. David m. (1), August, 1851, Emily, dau. of Peter Whittaker of Hancock, b. 1829, by whom he had a son, Frank Edward, who d. young. Emily d. 1852, and David m. (2), July 8, 1853, Miriam, dau. of Stephen Whittier [285], and res. on the Whittier homestead. They have had three children, two of whom d. young, and a dau., Emma G., whose life promised a rich compensation for the loving care bestowed on her, yet was stricken down in the bloom of girlhood; but this deep sorrow of their lives has borne its fruit in kindly deeds to others. An adopted dau., Jennie Smith, m. Edward J. Sholes, and res. in N. L.

BEAN, WILLIAM TAYLOR.—Beginning with 1857, William T. Bean of Sutton res. for several years in the Frank Todd house at Todd corner, removing then to Brentwood, where he now res. He was the son of Ensign Jacob and Hannah (Nelson) Bean, b. July 29, 1813; m. (1), Oct. 1, 1837, Sarah D., dau. of Dea. John and Hannah (Dodge) Felch of Sutton, b. Sept. 16, 1816. Sarah d. Jan. 4, 1868, and William m. (2), June 1, 1870, Nancy Tuck of Brentwood. Children:

1. Roxana J., b. Jan. 11, 1839; m., July 2, 1861, Dr. Moses W. Russell of Sutton and Concord. Roxana d. June 9, 1884. Child:

- (1). Sadie E., b. Dec. 19, 1869; m., Nov. 5, 1889, J. Clare Derby of Denver, Col. Mr. Derby is a jeweller in Concord, where they res. They have one child, Russell.

2. John Alfred, b. Oct. 16, 1841. Res. in Minnesota.

3. Sarah Maria, b. April 9, 1847; m. (1) George O. Sanborn. He d. March 18, 1890; and his widow m. (2), Dec. 25, 1892, John H. Carr of Brentwood. Children:

- (1). Neva Estelle, b. July 7, 1872; m., Oct. 11, 1898, Frederick George Sykes of Brooklyn, N. Y.

- (2). Ernest F., b. Nov. 12, 1878.
- (3). Mary S., b. March 26, 1882.
- 4. Frank Taylor, b. June 27, 1849; m., July 4, 1874, Ella F. Holt, who d. in 1876; m. (2), April 24, 1881, Sarah Neal. Children :
 - (1). Jennie Russell, b. Sept. 20, 1884.
 - (2). Edna Grace, b. Aug. 18, 1886; d. June, 1888.
- 5. Grace Hannah, b. May 15, 1852; m., Jan. 12, 1878, J. Louis Cass of Concord, where they res. Children :
 - (1). Ralph Russell, b. Feb. 2, 1879.
 - (2). Leroy Everett, b. May 29, 1881.
- 6. Jacob Walter, b. June 7, 1855; m., June 7, 1884, Ella S. Kingsbury. He is a successful physician in Medford, Mass. Child : Charles F.
- 7. George William, b. Oct. 11, 1859; m., Oct. 11, 1883, Ella J. Perham. Children : Arthur and Ethel.
- 8. Oren N., b. July 2, 1871. He is studying for the ministry at Brown university.

BICKFORD, DANIEL.—Daniel, youngest son of Daniel Bickford [216] by his first wife, has passed nearly four score years of life in his native town, a conservative, industrious citizen, devoted to his home and family; res. on Summer street, in the house built by Jesse Dow, Jr. Children :

- 1. Hattie May, b. July 26, 1857; m., Aug. 17, 1875, Daniel Truman, son of Ebenezer and grandson of Daniel Bickford [217].
- 2. Mattie Jane, twin to Hattie; m., Jan. 16, 1882, Frank Carroll Morse of Haverhill, Mass., where they res. Children :
 - (1). Sara Helen, b. July 12, 1886.
 - (2). Katherine, b. Aug. 25, 1890.

BLAKE, REV. FREDERIC D.—Rev. F. D. Blake, who succeeded Rev. Lucian Hayden as pastor of the New London church, was b. in Princeton, Mass., Aug. 3, 1839, and was converted when but nine years of age. He graduated from Waterville college in 1861, and from Newton Theological seminary in 1864, serving as instructor in Hebrew during his last year. He was ordained pastor of the Baptist church in Gardiner, Me., Aug. 3, 1864, remaining there four years. His service here, from 1869 to 1873, was marked by an earnestness of purpose that bore good fruit, and is pleasantly remembered. He was pastor of the church at Cherryfield, Me., 1875-1880; West Waterville, Me., 1880-1883; Wickford, R. I., 1884-

1892. In 1896 he became acting pastor of the First church in Attleboro, Mass., where he now res. He is the only living ex-pastor of the New London church.

BLAKE, WILLIAM F.—From 1849 to 1854, William F. Blake, a shoemaker, owned the George Eastman place at Otterville. His wife was Betsey, youngest child of Currier and Elizabeth (Sanborn) George of Springfield and sister of Jonathan S. George of N. L. They res. in Lowell before coming to N. L., and removed to Claremont.

BLOOD, GEN. ROBERT A., M. D.—As a native of N. L., as the husband of one of her gifted daughters, as resident physician from 1870 to 1873, the town may lay claim to Dr. Robert A. Blood as a citizen, though yielding the prime of his manhood to a sister state. He was b. April 30, 1838, the son of Luke and Mary (Bickford) Blood and the grandson of Simeon Blood [218]. Luke Blood was a resident of N. L. only a short time. Of his three children, Robert was the oldest; Morrison, the youngest, became a citizen of the town at a later period, and a dau., Miriam D., b. August, 1842, m. Daniel Ackley, son of Daniel George of George's Mills, and has three children,—Inez, b. 1861, m. Charles, son of William Russell, and res. in Sunapee; Hattie, b. 1869, m. Dura Chase of Sunapee; Mabel, b. 1872, m., June, 1896, Alvin A., son of Elisha M. and Lucina (Alden) Kempton of Newport, b. Sept. 8, 1872. As a boy Dr. Blood was a diligent student in the district school, and after a course of study at the New London institution qualified for the position of engineer in the U. S. navy with an expert in Boston. At the breaking out of the Civil War he was with his father, who had removed to Springfield, and enlisted from that town Aug. 13, 1862. Two weeks later he was mustered in as corporal of Company F, Eleventh N. H. V., and shared the fortunes of that doughty regiment at Antietam and Fredericksburg. In the latter engagement Corporal Blood was so severely wounded that he was discharged for disability in May, 1863.

The war experience determined his career as a physician, and he began the study of medicine with his uncle, Dr. H. C. Bickford, of N. L. and Charlestown, Mass., completing his preparation at the Harvard Medical school. From 1870 to



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1873 he was settled in N. L., removing then to Charlestown, where he succeeded to his uncle's practice. In the city of his adoption Dr. Blood has had his home for nearly a quarter-century, and has been highly successful in his profession. In May, 1895, he entered the state militia service as medical director of the First brigade. When Lieut.-Gov. Roger Wolcott, at the death of Governor Greenhalge, assumed the chair of state, the only new appointment on his official staff was the commission of Dr. Blood as surgeon-general, May 22, 1896. On Thanksgiving day, Nov. 30, 1871, Dr. Blood m. Elizabeth, only dau. of Gen. Luther and Elizabeth (Campbell) McCutchins [359], a helpmeet whose gracious presence and high moral purpose have been a never-failing source of inspiration and helpfulness to the husband and son to whom her best powers are devoted. In recent years Dr. and Mrs. Blood have occupied the McCutchins homestead as a summer residence. Their only child is,—

1. Robert McCutchins, b. Charlestown, June 12, 1883.

[Since the above sketch was prepared for publication the true-hearted wife and mother has been called to the better country, and all that was mortal now rests with her kindred in the village churchyard. The following obituary is taken from the *Boston Journal* of April 9, 1898:]

“Mrs. ‘Libbie’ McCutchins, wife of Surgeon-General Robert Allen Blood, died at her home in Charlestown, Friday afternoon, April 8. She was born in New London, N. H., a daughter of the late Gen. Luther McCutchins, one of New Hampshire’s most respected citizens. She received her education at Colby academy, in her own town, and at the Kimball Union academy, Meriden, N. H., where, at her graduation from that institution in 1864, she received the honor of class poet. Mrs. Blood was a woman of refined taste, literary and musical, brilliant in conversation. Her native wit and talent, inherited from the long line of Scotch ancestry, was unlimited. The most tender charm of her life was in her home, which she made an ideal one for her husband and son, who have the profound sympathy of a large circle of friends who will forever mourn her loss. ‘Sweetly comely of face, quaintly musical of speech, honest as the face of open day,

“frank, faithful, tender, the dream that we are all dreaming
“seems to darken with her passing.””

BROWN, JAMES H.—James H. Brown, a painter by trade, came to this town from Dunbarton in 1861; res. in the present parsonage, which he bought of Andrew J. Kidder. Mr. Brown in the ten years he resided here filled numerous town offices, and his marked courtesy of manner won him many friends. He was a skilful workman, and had charge of the painting of the new academy building erected in 1869-'70. After the death of his wife (b. Nancy Chase Ray), July 7, 1871, the family removed to Concord. Children:

1. Mary Ray, b. May 29, 1852; unmarried; res. with her brother.
2. George L., twin to Mary; m., May 20, 1875, Sarah Lavinia, dau. of Samuel and Lavinia (Pillsbury) Andrews of Sutton, b. May 21, 1855; res. in Concord, where Mr. Brown has been a partner in the firm of C. H. Martin & Co., druggists, since 1878. Personally he is one of the most popular business men in the city, and the high standing of the firm is due in no slight degree to his natural capability and the assiduous energy he has displayed in developing and advancing their trade interests. The family retain the Andrews homestead at Sutton as a summer residence, and are frequent and welcome visitors in N. L. Children:
 - (1). Eva Lavinia, b. Oct. 15, 1876; graduated Concord High school 1896.
 - (2). Willie Garner, b. March 20, 1884; d. Feb. 18, 1885.
 - (3). Ray Andrews, b. Aug. 29, 1890.

BUNKER, ROYAL AUGUSTUS.—Augustus, son of Isaac and Sally (Richardson) Bunker [330], res. after his first marriage in the Ezekiel Knowlton house on Pleasant street, and it was there that Eunice (Palmer) Bunker d., March 2, 1860, leaving an infant who d. three days later. Eunice Bunker was a sister of Mrs. Stephen Messer [363]. Augustus then sold the 20-acre Knowlton farm, and after his marriage to Maria, dau. of Levi Nichols, res. in the McFarland house, which had been built by his father, with the exception of one year spent in Sunapee. He d. May 18, 1879. His family res. for some years in the Hanaford house near Four Corners, and since 1896 in the John J. Sargent house on Pleasant street. Children:

1. Effie May, b. May 2, 1864.
2. Cora Eunice, b. June 13, 1867.



EDWIN P. BURPEE.

BURPEE, EDWIN P.—The Burpee family, a name respected in the annals of this town since the time when “Father Burpee” and his stalwart sons gave their name to Burpee hill, has had no worthier representative than Edwin Perley of the fourth generation, youngest child of Capt. Perley and Judith (Colby) Burpee [223]. A dutiful son, a loving, indulgent husband and father, his home life was well-nigh perfect. As a citizen he fulfilled his duties with marked faithfulness, was an interested member of the grange, and an active worker in the church. His death from heart failure occurred at Concord, Feb. 5, 1897, during his term of service as representative to the legislature from his native town. Mrs. Rosaline (Todd) Burpee, dau. of James and Mary (Starrett) Todd [388], has always been prominently identified with the social and religious interests of the town, and is now serving as a member of the board of education. She was a leading member of the church choir for many years, and her children inherit their mother’s sweet voice along with the marked Burpee predilection for music. Children:

1. Wilfred Ernest, b. Feb. 7, 1860; m., Nov. 28, 1894, Lucy Nelson, dau. of James Eli and Lucia (Nelson) Shepard; res. in Manchester, and is junior partner in the firm of Brown & Burpee, the leading opticians of the state. Lucy (Shepard) Burpee is a graduate of Colby academy, and of the Emerson School of Oratory, Boston. Following her graduation she taught at the academy, and met with flattering success as teacher of elocution in private schools around Boston. Her ability as a reader would have won her high rank in this profession had she chosen to pursue it. Child: (1). Mildred, b. Dec. 29, 1896.
2. Mary Elsie, b. June 6, 1863; graduated from Colby academy, and pursued a special supplementary course at Radcliffe. As teacher and librarian at Colby academy her work met with deserved appreciation. From early girlhood she sang in the church choir, and has always been a recognized leader in every line of activity; m., Sept. 1, 1897, Walter L., son of William and Mary S. T. (Leeds) Macomber of Newton, Mass.
3. Susan Colgate, b. Nov. 19, 1865; d. April 12, 1888. The memory of this beautiful life is an inspiration to higher effort with all who knew her gentle disposition and earnest spirit of helpfulness.

4. Eliza Colby, b. Dec. 14, 1867; educated at Colby academy, giving special attention to vocal and instrumental music; has for several years kept the only millinery store in town, and with the Burpee "gifts" of taste and skill at her command has made a decided success of her chosen vocation.
5. Hattie Todd, b. July 12, 1873; educated at Colby academy, versatile in her accomplishments, the light of the home circle, her career promises a high degree of usefulness.

BUSWELL, DAVID.—David Buswell became the owner of the Frank Sargent place at Low Plain in 1856. David d. Nov. 13, 1872, aged 85 years; Mrs. Buswell d. April 5, 1856, aged 69 years. Of their children, Jonathan W. was a tin peddler, and res. on the home place; m. Miss Ayer of Newbury; d. March 25, 1885. Julia, who d. Jan. 11, 1882, aged 50 years, was an Advent preacher. Another dau., Amanda, d. Aug. 19, 1859, aged 35 years. Fred Buswell was a tailor by trade, m. Drusilla, dau. of Robert Pearce [371].

CALL, REUBEN M.—The earliest ancestor of the Call family in New England was the Thomas who settled in Charlestown, Mass., in 1636. Silas Call, who m. Mary Courser and res. in Boscawen, was probably a grandson of Thomas. Silas was one of the sixteen men under Capt. Henry Gerrish who marched against the British two days after the battle of Lexington, April 19, 1775; was a captain in the War of 1812, and d. in the service at Portsmouth. Lemuel, fourth of the ten children of Silas, was also a captain in the War of 1812; was a farmer in Boscawen, and m. (1) Nancy Call, who d. Dec. 13, 1814; m. (2) Rhoda Sweet, who d. April 13, 1871; d. Boscawen, Oct. 4, 1867. Reuben M., oldest of the seven children of Silas and Rhoda (Sweet) Call, b. June 6, 1816, came to N. L. in 1855, and was a resident for nearly a quarter-century; d. Manchester, May 13, 1885. Reuben m., Nov. 11, 1838, at Dummerston, Vt., Sarah, dau. of Benjamin and Sally Stickney of Newfane, Vt., who d. Newport, July 25, 1882. Children:

1. Sarah S., b. Enfield, Nov. 9, 1839; d. N. L., Jan. 5, 1860.
2. Lydia Eveline, b. Enfield, Nov. 2, 1840; m. Simeon S., son of William and Mary (Stevens) Morgan [271].
3. Mary A., b. Newport, April 20, 1845; m., at Manchester, May 25, 1869, Oliver, son of Calvin and Eliza (Brockway)

Call of Newport, b. Feb. 16, 1842. They res. in Newport, and have one dau.

4. Phebe L., b. Newport, Dec. 8, 1846; m., Jan. 4, 1870, Joseph Call of Newport, where they res. Joseph was a brother of Oliver above, b. Oct. 9, 1835. One son.
5. J. Franklin P., b. Goshen, Aug. 19, 1852; m., March 5, 1877, Ida M., dau. of Wyman P. Kimball; res. in N. L.
6. Ida, b. Goshen, Aug. 3, 1855; unmarried; res. Newport.

CARR, JONATHAN G.—Jonathan Greeley, oldest son of Capt. Samuel and Nancy (Greeley) Carr [225], received from his father the present Dixon farm, and was a leading citizen of the town. His wife, whom he m. at Durham, Jan. 5, 1858, was Sarah Ann, dau. of John and Permelia Mathes of Durham, and was b. April 23, 1838. Jonathan d. Durham, Jan. 19, 1893. Children:

1. George Albert, b. N. L., Oct. 18, 1858; d. Durham, Nov. 21, 1887.
2. Mary Ella, b. Sept. 21, 1862.
3. Edwin Marshall, b. Sept. 6, 1866; m., Feb. 12, 1891, Cora Evelyn, dau. of Seorim and Emily A. DeMeritt of Dover, b. Nov. 1, 1861.
4. Alva Leslie, b. Goffstown, March 20, 1873.
5. Rosa Belle, b. Goffstown, Oct. 18, 1875.

CARR, SAMUEL M.—Samuel, youngest son of Capt. Samuel and Nancy (Greeley) Carr [225], inherited the Carr homestead, one of the finest farms in town. He was a justice of the peace, school committee, and town clerk for several years; enlisted Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 11, 1862; mustered in as captain of Company F; discharged disabled Jan. 29, 1863. Since 1882, Captain Carr has been a resident of San Francisco, Cal., with the Singer Machine company, and is adjutant of Liberty post, G. A. R. His first wife, Eunice W. Keller, whom he m. in Boston, 1856, d. Manchester, 1881, and he m. (2), Oct. 27, 1895, Mrs. Louisa A. Sayer of North Temescal, Cal. Children:

1. Lizzie Florence, b. Aug. 14, 1859; m., 1876, George Robinson Elder. Six children.
2. Fred Elmer, b. May 22, 1861.
3. Frank Weston, b. April, 1863; m., 1882, Miss Mary Burrows. Three children.

CHASE, THOMAS S.—Thomas, oldest son of Jabez and Mary (Sewall) Chase [335], b. 1832, enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 18, 1862, and served until his discharge at Washington, June 28, 1865. On his return from the war he took up his residence in N. L., but after a few years removed to Springfield, where he now res.

CHENEY, CALEB.—Caleb M. Cheney res. in Scytheville from 1852, and built the Olive Hayes house. He was the son of Isaac and Sabra (Morrill) Cheney of Sutton, b. March 7, 1820. His wife, Sarah, was a sister of Jesse Baker [443]. Sarah m. (2), Jonathan G. Everett [342].

CLARK, N. T.—Physician in N. L. from 1870 to 1871; m., in 1870, Clara Bond of Concord, a niece of Mrs. Olive (Dickey) Prescott [374]; removed to Bradford, and later was practising in Tennessee.

CLOUGH, BRIG.-GEN. JOSEPH M.—Numbered among the distinguished citizens of the town is one whose civil and military record stamps him emphatically as a leader, Brig-Gen. Joseph M. Clough. The only son of Hugh B. and Hannah (Messer) Clough [335], he was but a lad when his father settled in N. L. After a few years he returned to Enfield, where he res. until 1848 (with the exception of six months at Norwich university, Vermont, under General Ransom), and for three winters was master of the district school. From Enfield he went to Manchester as a machinist, and later was at Suncook and Lowell, where he had charge of the spinning-room of the Hamilton corporation for three years. In 1854 he returned to Manchester, and held a similar position in the Amoskeag mills. His fondness for a military life dates back to his youth. At Enfield he was adjutant and captain in the militia; then rose from the ranks to be commander of the City Guards at Manchester, and at Lowell was in the company of City Guards commanded by Benjamin F. Butler.

In the "hard times" of 1857 he took up his residence in N. L. temporarily, but remained to get out the lumber for the addition to the meeting house, and lived in what was then the "Retreat," nearly opposite the church. April 26, 1861, he enlisted as a private in the First N. H. V., in company with Andrew J. Sargent, and four days later was appointed first



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lieutenant of Company H; re-enlisted in the Fourth regiment, Sept. 10, 1861, and was appointed captain of Company H; was wounded in the mine explosion at Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864, and discharged Sept. 17, 1864. Less than a month later he accepted a commission as lieutenant-colonel of the Eighteenth regiment, and was first in command until the regular commission of Colonel Livermore in January, 1865. In the night attack on Fort Stedman, March 29, 1865, Colonel Clough was again wounded, but continued in the service until he was mustered out July 29, 1865. Following the attack on Fort Stedman he was brevetted as brigadier-general on recommendation of Gen. O. B. Willcox, then commanding the First division of the Ninth Army corps, and received his commission at Washington. He was also recommended by General Willcox and Senator Daniel Clark for appointment as first lieutenant in the regular army, and passed the military examination for the Twelfth U. S. I., but declined an acceptance on account of his health, which was greatly broken. Such is the brief outline of the service of this gallant soldier in the War of the Rebellion. He was engaged in the following battles: Pocotaligo, Morris Island, Sieges of Wagner, Sumter, and Petersburg, Bermuda Hundred, Drewry's Bluff, Weir Bottom Church, Cold Harbor, Hatcher's Run, Deep Run, Petersburg Mine, Fort Stedman, and the capture of Petersburg in March, 1865.

At the close of the war General Clough returned to N. L., and for thirteen years was in the U. S. Mail service, running from Boston to Lancaster and St. Albans, Vt. For seven years prior to 1884 he was commander of the First brigade of the N. H. N. G. As a civilian, General Clough represented the town in the legislature of 1866, and to fill the unexpired term of Edwin P. Burpee in 1897; in 1881-'82 he was state senator from this district. In his pleasant home on Main street General Clough has a store of treasured heirlooms and memorials of his military life. Not the least valued of these is his worn and tattered headquarters' flag, the second one floated in Petersburg after its capture. General Clough's first wife, Abiah (Bucklin) Clough, was b. Oct. 22, 1828, and d. Dec. 17, 1873. He m. (2), in 1874, Cornelia (Smith) Chase, dau. of William P. and Rhoda (Spooner) Smith. Mrs. Chase's

dau. Minnie, b. Nov. 10, 1868, was as tenderly cherished by her stepfather as his own children. She was educated at Colby academy, and taught in the district schools until her marriage to George K. Burleigh, a jeweller of Tilton. They have one child, Elizabeth Cornelia, b. May 27, 1890. The children of General Clough are,—

1. Ella A., b. June 25, 1852; d. of typhoid fever, July 16, 1853.
2. Charles B., b. Aug. 13, 1857; m. Minnie E. Edgecombe, a native of Leominster, Mass., and res. in Medford, Mass.; d. Oct. 10, 1896. Charlie Clough was a great favorite in the home of his boyhood, and his successful career was watched with interest by those who remembered his early promise. He was educated at Colby academy, taught in the State Reform school at Manchester, was clerk in the Boston naval office under Col. Daniel Hall during President Hayes's administration, and since then had been a valued and trusted employé in the firm of C. F. Hovey & Co., of Boston, having charge of their linen department. He was a member of Starr King lodge, F. & A. M., of Salem, Mass., and of the Sons of Veterans.
3. William P., b. Sept. 13, 1879; is a student at Colby academy.

ClOUGH, NATHANIEL P.—In 1849, Nathaniel P. Clough bought of Charles B. Gay his half-acre lot at Gay corner, and there built what is now known as the Greeley Hunting house, he having sold to Hunting about 1856, when he removed to Danbury. Nathaniel P. is the son of Joseph and Abigail (Per-rin) Clough, and was b. May 14, 1820. He learned the tanner's trade, and at the time of his residence here operated a small tannery. After his removal to Wilmot Flat in the '70s he acquired a large interest in the tannery at that place, and has since been prominently identified with the business interests of the town. He m. (1), Oct. 24, 1844, at Bow, Lavina Upton, dau. of Elijah and Betsey Bancroft, who d. October, 1876; m. (2), May, 1877, Mrs. Lucy (Shute) Garvin of Concord. Children:

1. John B., b. Feb. 22, 1846; graduated Colby academy 1864, Colby university 1868, and spent a year at Harvard Law school; appointed assistant U. S. attorney in 1873; res. Memphis, Tenn. He m., Aug. 13, 1873, Lydia A. Gibbs of Waterville, Me. Children:

(1). Wallis, b. June 15, 1875; d. Feb. 21, 1877.

(2). Mary, b. Dec. 18, 1878.

(3). John, b. Oct. 7, 1886.

2. George B., b. Sept. 30, 1848; engaged in his father's business, and is now a leading citizen of Wilmot; m., Aug. 25, 1869, Phebe, dau. of Nathaniel G. Wiggin of Danbury. Child:

(1). Clarence E., b. Danbury, Feb. 25, 1872; graduated from Colby academy in 1891, Yale university in 1895, and entered the Divinity school of Chicago university that same year. In 1896 he took charge of a mission at Clyde (a Chicago suburb), in connection with his studies, where he continued to preach until the summer of 1898, when he was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist church at Bloomington, Indiana. Throughout his course of study Mr. Clough displayed marked ability, and his success is justly merited. He m., Sept. 21, 1897, Mary Ellen, dau. of James E. Shepard of N. L. Child: (a) Dorothy, b. Sept. 5, 1898.

3. Mary E., b. June 18, 1852; d. Dec. 10, 1853.

4. Mary E., b. Jan. 30, 1854; d. April 30, 1872.

COLBY, JOHN.—John Colby followed J. Miller Pike on the George place, and res. there from 1849 to 1853.

COOPER, REV. DAVID.—Rev. David Cooper was the fourth in a family of ten children b. to Owen Cooper, a farmer in Arlington, Vt. He was b. June 14, 1799; received an academic education, and entered the Baptist ministry. Later he was converted to the Universalist faith, and after quite a period of successful labor in his native state, he received a call to New Hampshire in 1829. He res. in Andover, Plymouth, Sanborn-ton Bridge, and Washington, where for five years he toiled faithfully, fulfilling the arduous duties of a circuit preacher in neighboring towns, until failing health compelled him to seek a more favorable occupation. He was then in trade at Wash-ington, and for a few years at Sutton, but on removing to N. L. in 1848 followed an outdoor life. About 1870 he returned to Sutton, and d. there June 26, 1885. Mr. Cooper m. (1) March 7, 1822, Sarah Goodspeed of Wells, Vt., who d. at Andover, June 7, 1847; m. (2) Mrs. Nancy Haskins, dau. of Hezekiah Adams [215]. Mrs. Cooper was living at Sutton Mills in 1898. Children:

1. Eveline, b. Jan. 22, 1823; d. April 23, 1825.

2. Elvira E., b. Aug. 21, 1824; m. George W. Proctor of An-dover, where they res.; d. May 25, 1848.

3. Caroline M., b. Jan. 18, 1828; m. Amos Proctor of Andover, where they res.; d. Sept. 25, 1846.
4. Solon, b. South Sutton, Sept. 9, 1835; m., Dec. 18, 1867, Dolly M. Bragg; res. in N. L.
5. Carrie H., b. April 25, 1859; taught very successfully in Sutton and neighboring towns; m., May 29, 1898, C. E. Babbitt.

COOPER, CAPT. SOLON.—Solon, only son of Rev. David Cooper above, enlisted from Andover, Aug. 6, 1862, and served as private in Company E of the Tenth N. H. V. He was in the battles of White Sulphur Springs, Fredericksburg, Siege of Suffolk, Hill's Point, Littlepage's Bridge, Port Walthall, Swift Creek, Proctor's and King's Land Creek, and Drewry's Bluff. In the latter engagement, May 16, 1864, he was wounded in the center of the calf of the left leg, was sent to the hospital at Hampton, Va., thence to David's Island, New York harbor, from there to the Webster General hospital at Manchester, from which he was discharged May 10, 1865. He res. at Sutton and Andover until the spring of 1866, when he came to N. L., and since his marriage has res. on Pleasant street in the Joseph Woodward house. His wound never perfectly healed, and finally became gangrenous, so that he suffered increasing tortures with it year by year, until it was amputated, May 5, 1886, by Dr. Thomas B. Sanborn of Newport, assisted by Dr. John P. Elkins of N. L., attendant physician. Through all these years of suffering he had the faithful, tender care of a devoted wife, who was spared to see his recovery from the shock of amputation to a reasonable degree of health. Dolly (Bragg) Cooper was the only child of Peter and Abigail (Pingree) Bragg, and the granddaughter of Asa Pingree [274], in whose house she was b., March 11, 1849. Dolly d. Nov. 3, 1890, and Solon m. (2), April 20, 1892, Mrs. Hannah (Sargent) Adams, widow of Norman B. Adams [441]. The latchstring is always out in their cozy, pleasant home, and old comrades find an especially hearty welcome. A member of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., Mr. Cooper served as grand commander in 1897. No children.

CRAFT, GEORGE W.—George W., second son of George W. and Nancy (Collins) Craft [337], res. for some years at Readville, Mass., then at the homestead with his parents. His first wife, Miriam, was the dau. of Col. Asa and Miriam

(Roby) Page of Sutton, b. July 19, 1836. Miriam d. March 2, 1880, and George m. (2), Dec. 25, 1881, Mary Jane, dau. of Cyrus B. and Roxanna (Twiss) Leach of Newbury, b. Jan. 20, 1838. George d. Feb. 17, 1882, and the farm was sold, his widow removing to Somerville, Mass. Children :

1. Clarence Arthur, b. N. L., Oct. 18, 1859; d. Oct. 2, 1860.
2. Elmer Eugene, b. Sutton, Dec. 25, 1863; unmarried; is a farmer, and res. in Sutton Mills.

CROCKETT, CHARLES.—The earliest ancestor of the Crockett family in New England was Thomas Crockett, who settled in Kittery, Me., in 1648. From him, in due course of descent, came John, b. June, 1739, who m., Oct. 26, 1762, Mary, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Jones) Law, b. July 14, 1744. Ephraim, the sixth of their seven children, was b. in Stratham, May 16, 1744; was educated at Gilmanton academy under Dudley Leavitt, studied medicine with Dr. Morrill of Concord, and practised in Sanbornton for several years, representing the town two years in the legislature. Feeling a call to enter the ministry, he was ordained over the Baptist church in Grafton in 1816, and soon after settled in Danbury, where he res. until his death, June 11, 1842,—a day, it is recalled, on which snow fell from morning till night. Ephraim m., May 23, 1805, Eliza, dau. of William Dexter of Malden, Mass., who d. Danbury, Feb. 28, 1844, aged 63 years. Of their six children two became residents of N. L.,—Emmeline, who m. Sylvanus T. Sargent [382], and Charles, b. Danbury, Feb. 18, 1817. Charles m., at Wilmot, Nov. 18, 1841, Lydia R., oldest dau. of Nathaniel and Rebekah (Sargent) Messer [265], and soon after 1850 came to N. L. No worthier people dwell within the borders of the town. For fifty-seven years they have walked life's rugged pathway together, an unequalled example of industry, prudence, and right living. Their first location was on the A. Jay Messer farm, removing to the present homestead in 1859. (There is on this farm a spring still used by Mr. Crockett, in which is a hollow birch log placed there by the pioneer owner of the lot, Benjamin Woodbury, in the early part of the present century.) Children :

1. Albina J., b. Nov. 26, 1842; m., Nov. 27, 1871, Adelbert Messer, and res. in N. L.
2. Oren D., b. Nov. 30, 1850; m., and now res. in N. L.

CROSS, JOB C.—Job C. Cross is a native of Goshen, b. Aug. 26, 1828, the oldest son of William Cross by his third wife, Hannah (Merritt) Lear. William d. in 1842, and his widow m. Dea. Dexter Everett [240]. Job was but a boy when he began life for himself, and became a mill hand, working his way up by faithful, patient industry. For seven years he was employed on the Middlesex corporation at Lowell, Mass., part of this time in charge of the department for the manufacture of the famous "Bay State" shawls. Compelled then to seek outdoor employment on account of his health, he came to N. L. in 1851. At the solicitation of Governor Colby, he started up the woollen mill at Wilmot on a line of high-grade gray cassimeres that commanded a ready sale in New Hampshire and Vermont. He owns a fine farm on the easterly shore of Little Sunapee, and the spacious dwelling built by Hezekiah Adams in 1830—a "tavern" in those days—is now "Little Sunapee House," a popular hostelry with summer guests, the season of 1898 being the twelfth since it was opened to the public. He has been tax collector for eight years. Job m. (1), November, 1850, Zady R., dau. of Zaccheus Kinney, b. Georgia, Vt., Oct. 11, 1826, d. N. L., May 31, 1882; m. (2), Jan. 7, 1883, Katie, dau. of Charles A. and Catherine (Harvey) Fowler of Sutton and great-granddaughter of Jesse Shepard [157]. Children:

1. Chastina A., b. Nov. 11, 1854; d. Dec. 26, 1872.

2. Esther May, b. Jan. 31, 1897.

CROWLEY, TIMOTHY.—Forty years of quiet, industrious citizenship in his adopted town has won for Timothy Crowley the honest respect of his fellow-men. The son of Patrick and Mary (Rochford) Crowley, he was b. in Dummerway, Cork county, Ireland, Aug. 23, 1832, and emigrated to America in 1851. On his twenty-fourth birthday he m., at Manchester, Katherine Manahan, b. Aug. 31, 1832, and took up his abode in N. L. He worked for John Brown and Eliphalet Gay several years, then bought the place where he now resides, and in the passing years has made it a comfortable home. His first wife d. July 1, 1880, and Timothy m. (2) Margaret (Fitzgerald) Leary, widow of Timothy Leary of Fitchburg, Mass. His children were all carefully educated, but one by one he has been called to part with them. They were,—

1. Mary, b. March 4, 1858; d. May 1, 1878.
2. James G., b. May 14, 1859; m. Annie Gurley, and res. in Concord, where he was employed as postal clerk; d. Aug. 2, 1893, leaving one child, Katie.
3. Ellen C., b. Aug. 26, 1861; d. March 24, 1890.
4. George T., b. Feb. 24, 1863; d. Jan. 29, 1884.
5. Eliza A., b. Jan. 12, 1868; d. Feb. 7, 1885.

CURRIER, JOHN Q.—John Q., son of John and Sarah (Stevens) Currier [234], res. in N. L. for a few years after his marriage, then removed to Montpelier, Vt., where he d. July 3, 1865. His widow m. (2), May 14, 1867, James T. Thurston of Montpelier, who d. June 14, 1878. Mrs. Thurston now res. in Sutton. Child:

1. Florence J., b. N. L., Aug. 27, 1855; d. Montpelier, June 17, 1858.

CUTTS, JOEL D.—From 1850 to 1860 the Preston place on Davis hill was owned by Joel D. Cutts, who came here from Goshen. His wife was Melissa Gould of Newport, and during their residence here two children, Mary and Edwin, were born to them. Mrs. Joel Cutts d. Nov. 9, 1854, aged 27 years. The family removed to Stoneham, Mass.

DAVIS, ABIJAH.—Abijah was the son of Enoch and Betsey (Brocklebank) Davis [236], and res. at Scytheville and on the Penuel Everett place at Low Plain. Abigail (Whittier) Davis, dau. of William Whittier [286], d. at Scytheville, Feb. 12, 1860. Abijah d. Jan. 8, 1866. Children:

1. Henry R., m. Susan M. Walker of Sutton, and res. in N. L.
2. Robert L., m. Nov. 7, 1877, Emma, dau. of James M. and Harriett (Page) Jewett, b. Nov. 7, 1856; res. for a short time on the Anthony Sargent place at the West Part, then removed to Manchester, and is now living with Frank P. Jewett. No children.
3. Fred, d. Scytheville, Dec. 23, 1885, aged 31 years.

DAVIS, BENJAMIN.—Benjamin, son of Edmund and Nancy (Messer) Davis [235], succeeded his father on the homestead at the West Part. He has been a farmer, and by untiring industry has earned the enjoyment of a ripe old age. His wife, Sarah (Wilmarth) Davis, was the granddaughter of Josiah Davis [89] by his dau. Bethia. Sarah d. Nov. 14, 1896. Children:

1. Frank Howard, b. Oct. 5, 1853; m., April 26, 1882, in New York city, Maria Stone, b. Ireland, April, 1854; res. in N. L.
2. Charles G., b. Jan. 19, 1859; m., June 7, 1888, Kate McCutchins, b. Middletown, N. Y., 1855; res. in N. L.

DAVIS, EDMUND.—From the very earliest settlement of the town down to the present time there has been an Edmund Davis enrolled among its citizens. The third Edmund, youngest son of Edmund and Nancy (Messer) Davis [235], has had his home on Davis hill, a beautiful elevation overlooking the clear waters of Lake Sunapee, for almost a half-century. His wife, Emmeline (Young) Davis, dau. of Aaron and Abigail (March) Young [292], an energetic, capable helpmeet, d. April 4; 1894. Children:

1. Minnie A., b. June 22, 1859; m., Dec. 25, 1877, Ai, son of Albert Worthen; res. in N. L.
2. Nettie A., b. July 17, 1867; m., June 17, 1893, Arthur W. Holmes; res. in N. L.

DAVIS, ELIAS.—Elias Davis, who became a citizen of N. L. in 1849, was a shoemaker by trade, and had a house and shoe-shop near the old store on Summer street. He was a lame man, and very industrious. His child, three years old, d. here Aug. 20, 1849, and his wife d. March 10, 1855, aged 42 years, leaving an infant son who d. June 12, 1855. Soon after Elias removed to East Andover, where he was living in the winter of 1897-'98.

DAVIS, HENRY R.—Henry R., son of Abijah Davis above, has been a lifelong resident of Scytheville, and an intelligent and worthy citizen. He m., Dec. 20, 1871, Susan M., dau. of Martin L. and Judith (Merrill) Walker of Sutton, b. March 31, 1852. Mrs. Davis is a sister of James I. Walker, who m. Lora S. Adams [441]. They res. in the "Widow Dickey" house until 1897, then removed to Massachusetts. Children:

1. Ralph H., b. June 11, 1873; d. June 26, 1887.
2. Ethel W., b. Oct. 18, 1875; d. May 27, 1887.

DAVIS, MOSES H.—From 1852 to 1857, Moses H. Davis of Springfield owned the farm on Morgan hill which had been previously occupied by Dea. Micajah Morgan. Davis also lived in the Albert Hunting house before he returned to Springfield.

DEAN, STEPHEN J.—Stephen J. Dean is the son of Stephen and Vienna (Goodenow) Dean of Springfield, Vt., and the grandson of Jeremiah Dean of Chester, Vt. The elder Stephen was a carpenter by trade, and d. at Keene in 1837. His wife, b. Feb. 6, 1796, d. at Springfield, Vt., in 1886. Stephen Jeremiah, the younger of their two children, was b. Dec. 5, 1833, and followed his father's trade. He came to N. L. in 1863, res. for a few years on the Samuel Messer farm on Morgan hill, and on the Asa Pingree place, then removed to the John D. Woodward house on Pleasant street, where he has an attractive home. Stephen m., Sept. 21, 1854, Eliza Ann, dau. of Samuel Messer [266]. Children :

1. Edwin Albert, b. July 14, 1857; m., Dec. 11, 1889, Janet McCallum, and res. in N. L.

2. Emma Arabella, b. Oct. 17, 1859; unmarried; res. at home.

DODGE, REV. EBENEZER, D. D., LL. D.—Rev. Ebenezer Dodge, pastor of the New London church from 1849 to 1853, was a man whose gracious personality left its impress long after he was called to a greater and wider field of influence. Everywhere he was the friend of education, exerting his influence to encourage young people in seeking higher standards of usefulness. His earnest co-operation with ex-Governor Colby was a prominent factor in establishing the denominational school here, and he followed with genuine interest the career of the institution he had fostered. Dr. Dodge was b. at Salem, Mass., April 21, 1819; graduated at Brown university in 1840, and at Newton Theological institution in 1845, receiving his ordination at Salem, Mass., the same year. Two years were spent as professor at the Covington (Ky.) Theological institution, and after a two-years pastorate at New Hampton he accepted a call to the New London church, giving five years of eminently strong and devoted service to the upbuilding of this church. From here he was called to his great work in Madison, now Colgate, university, where he served as professor for fifteen years, and as president from 1868 until his lifework was ended, Jan. 5, 1890.

DOW, FRANK O.—A descendant in the fourth generation of the pioneer blacksmith, Jesse Dow, and the only surviving child of John and Lydia (Young) Dow below, Frank could but be an apt pupil at the family trades. Skilful, diligent,

prudent, he has gathered a comfortable competency while yet in the prime of life. He is a prominent member of the Cadet band, and has been drum-major for several years. His wife, Ellinor (Huntoon) Dow, b. Nov. 25, 1841, was a woman of admirable qualities of heart and mind. She d. Feb. 7, 1894, leaving many friends to mourn her loss. No children.

DOW, JOHN M.—For more than a century the town has had its “village smithy,” and four generations of the Dow family have swung the heavy sledge, “with measured beat and slow,” and made the time-worn anvil ring with mighty strokes. John M., son of Evans and Lydia (Morgan) Dow [238], is of the third generation of blacksmiths, a man who has literally earned his bread by the sweat of his brow. Faithful, industrious, yielding only when age and physical disability made labor impossible, he has rounded out nearly fourscore years of life. In his younger days he was a leading member of the band, and has always been fond of music. For almost a half-century he has held the office of sealer of weights and measures, and his father before him for twenty-seven years. Another family heritage is the custody of the burying-ground, and no one knows better the often unmarked and almost forgotten graves of the early settlers. His wife, Lydia (Young) Dow, dau. of Aaron and Abigail (March) Young [292], d. Dec. 29, 1892. Children:

1. Frank O., b. Feb. 23, 1845; m., Aug. 14, 1866, Mary Ellinor, dau. of John G. and Sarah (Kesar) Huntoon of Sutton; res. in N. L.
2. Ella E., b. May 30, 1850; d. June 15, 1850.
3. George B., b. Oct. 22, 1851; d. Sept. 5, 1852.
4. Willie E., b. Nov. 5, 1853; d. Oct. 7, 1855.

DOWLING, WILLIAM M.—From 1850 to 1863, William M. Dowling of Sunapee was a resident of N. L. He owned the James Hutchins house at Otterville, where he d. May 21, 1863. Mrs. Dowling d. Oct. 2, 1864, aged 68 years.

ELLIS, GEORGE S.—Three Ellis brothers, with their mother, Rebecca (Hovey) Ellis, came to N. L. in 1859 from Francestown. Joseph Ellis, b. Wolfeborough, 1805, m. Rebecca H. Hovey, who was b. Boxford, Mass., Feb. 8, 1809; res. in Boxford and Haverhill, and in 1846 settled in Francestown, where Joseph d. May 24, 1848. Rebecca d. in N. L., Oct. 16, 1872.

There were three children who d. young, besides John, James, and George, who came to N. L. James I., b. Haverhill, Oct. 12, 1840, res. with his mother in the Bohanan house on Summer street; enlisted in the Fourth N. H. V., served till the close of the war, and now res. in Concord. George S., b. Haverhill, April 12, 1836, was a farmer; m. Jane, dau. of Nathaniel C. Todd [389], and res. on the Merrill Robie place for several years; removed to Sunapee; d. Rock Island, Canada, March, 1875. Children:

1. Mary, m. Jacob Hawkins; res. Wells River, Vt.
2. Fred S., m. Nellie Hall, and res. at Enfield; is deceased.

ELLIS, JOHN H.—John H., oldest child of Joseph and Rebecca (Hovey) Ellis, was b. in Boxford, Mass., May 25, 1834. He enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 11, 1862, and served until mustered out, June 4, 1865. During most of his service he was detailed as teamster, and twice narrowly escaped death by accident,—once by his mule team getting off the ford in crossing the Po river while it was filled with ice, and again in a thunder shower near Big Bethel, when the frightened mules backed team and driver over a steep embankment. After the war he worked at West Lebanon and White River Junction, Vt., and in 1870 returned to N. L.; res. in the William Lee house on Summer street, and then purchased the Milton Everett place near Little Sunapee, where he d. Oct. 10, 1897. John was a genial, kind-hearted man, always ready to do a friend a good turn, and a steady, faithful worker. In his later years he was a great sufferer from injuries received in his army service, but was brave and cheerful to the last. He m., Jan. 21, 1861, Maria A. (Hoffman) Collins, widow of James Collins of Enfield and Lebanon, and dau. of William H. and Elotia (Walker) Hoffman of Lebanon, b. Hartford, Vt., April 17, 1836. Children:

1. Estella A., b. July 11, 1862; m., Nov. 29, 1877, George Farnum, grandson of Benjamin and Delia (Fletcher) Gile [251]; res. at Andover, and has four children.
2. Elotia A., b. Nov. 10, 1865; m. Daniel Messer; d. N. L., June 10, 1894. Children:
 - (1). Rosaline E., b. June 1, 1881.
 - (2). Eben F., b. Feb. 28, 1884.
3. Clara G., b. April 15, 1869; m., Aug. 12, 1887, Lowell L. Ray, and res. in N. L.

4. Charles H., b. June 5, 1872; m., April 7, 1897, Laura, dau. of Charles Kendall of Belmont; is a carpenter by trade, and a diligent, skilful workman; res. Franklin.
5. Genevieve M., b. April 28, 1878; res. at home.

EVERETT, ABIAL B.—A lifelong resident, generous-hearted, of jovial disposition, always ready to give or take a joke, and to lend a friendly hand as well, “’Bial’s” reputation as the village wag and story-teller will be handed down to future generations: The son of Capt. Jonathan Everett [241], he inherited many of the family characteristics, and in his younger days was a leading spirit in every stirring enterprise. He res. for several years at Scytheville, and then for fifteen years in the “Lane cottage” on Main street. Harriet (Spaulding) Everett, b. July 5, 1826 (a sister of Mrs. Joseph E. Phillips [372]), was a capable, energetic woman, and had the respect of all who knew her. Since her death, May 28, 1895, Abial has made his home with his son at Nashua and with N. L. relatives. Children:

1. Frank S., b. May 28, 1853; m., Nov. 29, 1883, Florence B., dau. of Isaiah Perkins of Acton, Mass., and res. in Nashua.
Children:
 - (1). Lena May, b. Nov. 18, 1886.
 - (2). Edgar F., b. Aug. 7, 1889.
2. Mary E., b. Jan. 1, 1862; d. Aug. 26, 1874.
3. Edward L., b. June 28, 1865; d. Oct. 11, 1865.

EVERETT, BENJAMIN G.—Benjamin G. is the son of Capt. Milton Everett [242], and is a leading spirit in the Elkins constituency. For many years he did the village teaming, and still keeps a livery stable. A man of positive opinions, generous and public-spirited, vigorous in mind and body, with a vein of humor that makes him a most delightful companion, he thoroughly merits the esteem in which he is held by his fellow-citizens. Benjamin res. on the Jesse Baker place; and has one of the most attractive homes in the village. Sarah (Johnson) (Craft) Everett was the widow of Enos Collins Craft [338]. Children:

1. Fred Elwin, b. April 16, 1876; graduated Colby academy 1896; is a student at the Institute of Technology, Boston.
2. Mary Almeda, b. April 17, 1880; of marked musical talent, and is a pupil at Colby academy.

EVERETT, CHARLES A.—One of the most popular young men of his time was Charles A. Everett, the only surviving child of Jonathan G. Everett [342]. For several years he served as steward at Colby academy; also kept the store at Scytheville, where his uniform courtesy and pleasant manners won him many friends. Mrs. Angie (White) Everett was an accomplished musician, and is pleasantly remembered for her efficient service as church organist. They removed to Rhode Island, and Charles d. at Warwick, near East Greenwich, Dec. 30, 1897. Mrs. Everett res. with her dau. Children:

1. Agnes White, b. November, 1873; m., and res. in Providence, R. I.
2. Charles Harvey, b. May, 1875.

EVERETT, MAJ. GEORGE W.—On the roll of New London's distinguished sons the name of Maj. George W. Everett deservedly occupies a high place. The son of Capt. Jonathan Everett [241], his native ability and later acquirements made him conspicuous both in civil and military life. Educated in the town schools and at Colby academy, he entered on the study of law in the office of Walter P. Flanders, one of the leading lawyers in the state at that time. He began practice in his native town, and was soon recognized as a man of marked ability. From 1856 to 1861 he served as solicitor of Merrimack county, but when the call for "three hundred thousand more" rang through the land in 1862, he cheerfully laid aside professional emoluments to devote himself to the service of his country. August 26, 1862, he accepted the commission of major in the Ninth N. H. V. On the return of that regiment from the Mississippi campaign, Major Everett was taken seriously ill during the up-river journey, and d. Aug. 27, 1863, at Cincinnati, Ohio, from poison administered by his body-servant, whose foul treachery was adequately punished. Thus perished a true and noble-hearted man, who counted not even his life too great a sacrifice for the honor of his country. The family res. in the house north of the parsonage until about 1880, when Mrs. Everett removed with her children to Massachusetts. Children:

1. Bertha A., b. April 4, 1851; d. Oct. 7, 1868.
2. George W., b. Nov. 22, 1853; m., April 29, 1886, Fannie L. Hobson of Georgetown, Mass.; res. in Danvers, Mass., and has one child, George W., Jr.

3. Mary L., b. Sept. 30, 1855; m., July 29, 1881, Daniel Mahoney of Rockport, Mass.; res. Rockport, where Mary d. Sept. 20, 1893. Children: Bertha E., Daniel, George Everett, Ruth Ellen.
4. Nellie F., b. April 6, 1858; m., Oct. 27, 1892, George M. Peabody of Danvers, Mass., where they res.
5. Jonathan R., b. Nov. 5, 1861; m., Nov. 18, 1891, Lizzie J. Pettingill of Rockport, where they res. Child: Edward R.

FALES, H. MARSHALL.—The only representative of the Fales family now living in N. L. is Marshall, son of Horatio [343]. He was a real-estate owner here from 1856 to 1881, was in business at Montpelier, Vt., for several years, returned to N. L. in 1895, and is now the senior partner at the "Four Corners" store; res. in the Dr. Pierce cottage opposite the church. Louise (Burpee) Fales is the dau. of Abial Burpee [331]. No children.

FARWELL, REO A.—One of the most capable and stirring men the town has ever numbered among her adopted sons was Reo A. Farwell, first enrolled as a citizen of N. L. in 1856. He was the son of Samuel and Mary (Adams) Farwell of Nelson and Roxbury, where Reo was b. March 21, 1827. Samuel Farwell was a descendant of the English emigrant Samuel, who settled in Marblehead, Mass. Mary (Polly) Adams was the granddaughter of Moses Adams of Sherborn, b. 1726, who settled in Dublin in 1763. Reo m., May 10, 1851, Augusta M., dau. of Daniel and Charlotte (Banks) Towns of Roxbury, b. June 2, 1829. Daniel Towns was the son of one of the earliest settlers of Roxbury (a soldier of the Revolution), who established himself on a hilltop about four miles by highway from Keene Street. Charlotte Banks was a native of Massachusetts, and heard the first gun fired in the Revolution. After his marriage Reo res. three years in Nelson, kept a livery stable in Newport two years; then came to N. L., and twice removed to Springfield; owned the mill property at Otterville, and settled on the present Farwell homestead in 1873. He was a man of active temperament, earnest in purpose, generous, true-hearted, and devoted to his family and friends. Reo d. Nov. 13, 1892, and his widow and youngest son now res. on the homestead. Mrs. Farwell is one of nature's gentlewomen, a lovable, consistent Christian, skilled in all housewifely arts, and an enthusiastic floriculturist. Children:



REV. A. FARWELL.

1. Jay Quincy, b. Nelson, Sept. 10, 1852; m., October, 1877, Ella Gardner of Gloucester, Mass.; res. Lakeside avenue, Lynn, Mass., and is a member of the Q. A. Towns firm, shoe findings. Children: Abby, Edith, Gardner.
2. James Trow, b. Springfield, June 15, 1854; went to Lynn, and learned the shoe-findings trade with his uncle, Quincy A. Towns, who established Trow and his older brother in the business. Trow m. Emma Hickman of Nova Scotia, and res. on School street, Lynn. Children: Anna, Martha Belle, Fred.
3. Abby Maria, b. N. L., Dec. 28, 1856. Endowed with rare talents of heart and mind, Abby was the joy and pride of her family and friends. She was baptized by Elder John Young when but ten years of age, and consecrated herself unreservedly to Christian service. She taught school in Springfield at fourteen, and the summer term at Burpee hill in 1873, fading away with the flowers she loved so well until her gentle spirit passed to the better world, Dec. 14, 1873, two weeks before her seventeenth birthday.

"There was hushed on earth
 "A voice of gladness; there was veiled a face
 "Whose parting left a dark and silent place
 "By the once joyous hearth.
 "A smile had passed, which filled the home with light,
 "A soul, whose beauty made that smile so bright."

4. Reo Ellsworth, b. Springfield, March 17, 1862; m., Feb. 19, 1885, Jennie B., dau. of William S. Carter; res. in N. L.
5. Fred, b. Springfield, Aug. 27, 1866. Fred is one of the most influential leaders among the young men of the present generation. He was educated at Colby academy and Phillips-Exeter, and since his father's death has cared for his mother with tenderest devotion and continued the extensive business interests left in his charge. In 1895 he represented the town in the legislature, has served on the board of education, and is always ready to lend a hand in any public enterprise. Gifted with a voice of wonderful compass and richness,—a talent which has been carefully cultivated,—he is chorister in the church choir and Sabbath school, and a willing helper in all lines of church work: He is a member of New London grange and of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F.

FARWELL, DEA. THOMAS T.—Deacon Farwell was the grandson of Samuel and son of John and Hannah (Thurston) Farwell of Fitchburg, Mass., and doubtless a descendant of

the emigrant Samuel Farwell referred to above. John Farwell was a scythe manufacturer, and Thomas, who was b. July, 1809, followed his father's trade. He m., Dec. 1, 1831, Sally, dau. of Jonas Keyes, and moved to N. L., July 16, 1849, where he was employed in the scythe shops and res. in the Abel Boynton house. He also owned, and for a few years res., in the Charlton Woodbury house on New London hill, which he bought of Professor Mark True. Deacon Farwell d. Jan. 10, 1891; Sally (Keyes) Farwell d. Feb. 2, 1879. Children:

1. Thurston, b. Sept. 29, 1832; m. Harriet, dau. of Joseph Chase, and res. in Wilmot, where he d. Aug. 24, 1868.
2. Sarah, b. Oct. 16, 1835; m., Aug. 12, 1858, Austin R. Todd; res. in N. L.
3. Hannah, b. Feb. 21, 1838; m. Charles Noyes of Franklin, and res. at Boston, Mass. Hannah d. at Chelsea, Mass., Nov. 14, 1879. One son.
4. Stephen, b. May 9, 1840; m. Ann Maria, dau. of Charles T. Folsom, and res. at Newport. They have one dau.
5. Maria, b. July 10, 1842; m., Sept. 16, 1860, Sylvander A., son of Ausbon French [344].
6. Charles, b. Dec. 13, 1846; d. Sept. 4, 1848.

FISHER, GEORGE.—George, b. Aug. 10, 1813, was the oldest son of Seth and Mary Lydia (Stone) Fisher of Springfield, and grandson of Seth Fisher of Francestown mentioned below. Seth, Jr., b. Francestown, Jan. 20, 1786, m. Mary Lydia, dau. of Capt. John Stone of Dublin, b. November, 1790, and was a farmer in Springfield. Their youngest dau., Feronia, was the first wife of William S. Messer of N. L., and both d. in N. L. during Messer's occupancy of the Dole farm on Morgan hill—Seth, on April 11, 1858; Lydia, Nov. 13, 1862. About 1840 George went to Boston, m. there Charlotte Smith, and soon returned to Springfield. In 1870 he removed to the house which he now occupies. This house was built in Springfield by Theodore Abbot, was moved across the line into N. L. to secure school privileges, and after passing through several hands came to its present owner. George is the oldest man now living in this town. He m. (2) Lavinia Blood of Sutton, who d. about 1870; m. (3), Sept. 18, 1873, Lydia Pelton of Manchester. Children:

1. George, m., and keeps a restaurant in Boston.
2. Cyrus, never m., res. in New York.



FRED FARWELL.

3. Luther, m., res. in Marlborough, and is deceased.
4. Herbert, was drowned at 16, while bathing in Otter pond, Aug. 30, 1878.
5. Alvira, m. — Lannigan of Boston, who is now deceased; res. Malden, Mass.
6. Frank, m., and res. in Waltham, Mass.

FISHER, SANFORD.—The earliest known ancestor of the Fisher family was Anthony, who is said to have lived at Wignotte, Syleham parish, Suffolk county, England. He m. Mary, dau. William and Ann Fiske of St. James, South Elmsham, Suffolk county. The third of their six children was another Anthony, who with his wife Mary and his little ones came to New England in the good ship *Rose*, June 26, 1637, and settled in Dorchester, Mass. His oldest son was a third Anthony, and he m., Sept. 7, 1647, Joanna, only dau. of Thomas and Joan Faxon of Braintree, Mass., making his home in Dedham. The third Anthony's youngest son was Eleazer, b. Sept. 18, 1669, who m., Oct. 13, 1698, Mary, dau. of William and Mary (Lane) Avery, b. Aug. 21, 1674. They were the parents of David, b. June 21, 1705. David m. Deborah Boyden, and had among others Thomas, b. March 10, 1735, who m., Oct. 12, 1758, Mary, dau. of Samuel and Mary (Coney) Pettee of Dedham, b. Feb. 26, 1742. Their son Seth, b. Sharon, Mass., June 16, 1759, in company with a brother settled in Francestown in 1781. Seth served in the Revolutionary war, and was much respected in his adopted town. He m., June 30, 1785, Hannah Hewins, b. Sharon, Sept. 20, 1766. The oldest of their eight children, another Seth, b. Jan. 20, 1786, was the father of George Fisher above. Two others res. in Springfield, near the Otterville settlement in N. L.,—Betsey, who m. Enoch Collins; and Lewis, b. July 4, 1791. Lewis m., June 2, 1818, Betsey, dau. of William and Hannah (Johnson) Campbell of Francestown. William Campbell was the grandson of David Campbell, who emigrated from Scotland and settled in Litchfield about 1750. William was in the battle at Bunker Hill, and later in the war held the rank of sergeant. Lewis Fisher, therefore, was of Revolutionary stock on both sides, and was a man of considerable note in his adopted town, serving in the legislature and holding numerous offices. Later he removed to Wilmot,

where he d. Oct. 18, 1881; Betsey d. Wilmot, March 6, 1878. Of their eight children, three were connected with N. L.,—Mason M., who m. Helen, dau. of Thomas B. Osgood [368], and res. in Warner; Lewis, Jr., b. Jan. 17, 1817, never m., res. on various locations in N. L. and Springfield; and Sanford.

Sanford, oldest of the children of Lewis and Betsey (Campbell) Fisher, b. Francestown, Sept. 3, 1814, ninth in descent from Anthony Fisher of England, was a worthy representative of his ancestors. He was a house-painter by trade, though serving for twelve years on the police force of Charlestown, Mass. On first coming to N. L., in 1855, Sanford res. on the George Fisher farm, which was sold to Kittredge Collins when he removed to the place now the home of his widow and children. Sanford m., Jan. 24, 1841, Mary E., dau. of Daniel Pierce and Mary (Flanders) Hill of Portsmouth. He d. in N. L., Sept. 11, 1884. Mrs. Fisher's gentle disposition and beautiful Christian character have been thoroughly proved in nearly forty years' residence here, and she has endeared herself to many hearts. In 1894 she gave a piece of land on the east shore of Otter pond to be used as a site for the Quackenbos Union chapel. Children:

1. Sanford R., b. Boston, July 3, 1842; unmarried; house-painter by trade; res. at the homestead.
2. Mary, b. Boston, Aug. 23, 1843; d. Nov. 25, 1843.
3. Lewis E., b. Charlestown, Dec. 3, 1848; m. Alice Anderson of Squirrel Island, Me., and res. in Lawrence, Mass.; d. Feb. 10, 1875. No children.
4. Franklin P., b. Charlestown, Jan. 24, 1856; m., Dec. 24, 1876, Mary A., dau. of Stephen and Sarah (Johnson) Woodward of N. L.; is a physician of established reputation, and res. at Enfield Centre. Two children, both of whom d. young.
5. Addie, b. N. L., Nov. 24, 1860; m., in 1881, Edwin P. Blood; res. in N. L.

FISKE, BENJAMIN.—Benjamin Fiske, formerly of Sutton, came to N. L. in 1859, and res. on the Henry Longley place at Scytheville. His wife was Charlotte Flint. She d. June 13, 1865, aged 57 years. Children:

1. Almeda, m. Sylvester Bunker of Wilmot Centre, son of Benjamin Bunker [220]; is deceased.

2. Rachel, m., March 22, 1865, William S., son of Asa L. Haskins [349].
3. Josephine, m. (1) David Neal of Vermont, m. (2) Cyrus Cole of Grafton, m. (3) — Gage of Grafton. Four children.
4. Ebenezer, m. Ella Young of Grafton; now living in Danbury.

FISKE, JONATHAN D.—Jonathan D. Fiske, who from 1869 to 1882 res. on the Jonathan Carr place, was b. in Waltham, Mass., Oct. 14, 1815, the son of Jonathan Fiske, b. Dec. 13, 1768, and a descendant of William Fiske of Watertown, b. 1663. Jonathan D. m., Oct. 20, 1842, Mary, b. March 29, 1817, the dau. of Daniel Clark of Weston, Mass., b. Jan. 19, 1775, and a descendant of Hugh Clark of Watertown, b. 1613. The family returned to Waltham in 1882, and Mrs. Fiske d. there Oct. 12, 1891. Children:

1. Mary C., b. Aug. 3, 1843; m., Aug. 31, 1870, George F. Barnes of Waltham, Mass.
2. Charles D., b. Nov. 12, 1844; m., March 31, 1868, Ella F. Haynes of Waltham.
3. Adelaide S., b. March 29, 1847; d. May 29, 1880.
4. Abbie B., b. July 8, 1849; m., Sept. 15, 1871, Alfred Warren of Waltham.
5. Lelia M., b. May 5, 1853.
6. Emma G., b. Feb. 27, 1856.

FITZGERALD, WILLIAM.—William Fitzgerald, who became a citizen of N. L. in 1864, was b. about 1835, in the parish of Kilgarvan, Kerry county, Ireland, the second son of William Fitzgerald, whose ancestors had dwelt for many generations in the Kilgarvan parish. Of the eight children William and six others emigrated to America. He m. Hannah, dau. of Nicholas O'Brien of Kerry county, and they res. in Franklin, Andover, and Wilmot before coming to N. L., where William purchased the Jacob Dole place of Gilman Whitney. Hannah d. Sept. 12, 1871, and William m. (2) Ann, dau. of John Lovett, a ship's carpenter of Dingle, County Kerry, and Mary Hussey his wife. About 1885 he thoroughly remodelled and repaired his house, and purchased additional land. Children:

1. Mary, b. May 13, 1857; unmarried; res. in California.
2. Thomas E., b. Jan. 9, 1858; m. Annie Kane; res. in California, and has one child.
3. Nellie, b. Jan. 21, 1865; unmarried; a skilled cook and laundress; res. in N. L.

4. John, b. June 24, 1867; unmarried; hostler at Colby academy.
5. Elizabeth, b. May 6, 1869; m., Oct. 4, 1894, Allen Crane; res. in N. L.
6. William, b. Sept. 12, 1872; m., June 20, 1895, Annie Allard of Boston, where they res.

FOLSOM, LORENZO J.—From 1861 to 1863, three brothers, Lorenzo J., Charles E., and Willard Folsom, were employed in the scythe works, coming here from Loudon. In 1869, Lorenzo and Charles, with their parents, again came to N. L., and Lorenzo purchased the Fowler place at Todd corner as a home for his father and mother. Charles T. Folsom d. in N. L., May 13, 1886, aged 77 years; Elizabeth, his wife, d. April 21, 1886, aged 77 years, and both are buried in the Elkins cemetery. Lorenzo m., Aug. 11, 1861, Mary Jane, dau. of Sewell B. Prescott [374]. They res. in N. L. until after 1880, and then removed to Chattanooga, Tenn. Child:

1. Lottie, b. April 4, 1872; m. George Graves of Chattanooga, and res. in Georgetown, S. C.

FOWLER, ADNA S.—Adna Fowler was a grandson of the pioneer Jesse Dow [92], and son of Benjamin and Sarah (Stevens) Fowler of Hopkinton. His wife was Lucina, dau. of Samuel Shepard [384]. They res. on the Penuel Everett farm at Low Plain, where Adna d. Dec. 19, 1866. Since 1874, Mrs. Fowler and her children have lived on the Daniel Pattee farm at Todd corner. Mrs. Fowler d. July 29, 1898, after a brief illness. Her native energy and ability enabled her to overcome many difficulties, and her devotion to her fatherless children knew no bounds. Children:

1. Fred, b. Oct. 12, 1859; unmarried; res. at home. Unwavering in purpose, a steady, earnest worker, he was the strong staff and comfort of a widowed mother.
2. Alma Everett, b. June 28, 1862; graduated Colby academy; m., Sept. 11, 1889, William P. Houston, D. D. S., son of Henry C. Houston of Thornton; res. in Boston, Mass. Mrs. Houston is a thoroughly cultivated woman, with fine literary taste, and has bestowed much time and research to the completion of the Shepard family records. Dr. Houston is also a graduate of Colby academy, and has been very successful in his profession.
3. Mary Emily, b. Oct. 13, 1865; d. Nov. 14, 1866.

FRENCH, JOHN.—John French, a native of Hopkinton and a brother of Ausbon French [344], came from Lowell, Mass., to N. L. in 1859, and res. on the Milton Everett place near Little Sunapee. John d. Aug. 20, 1880, aged 70 years; Catherine (Kimball) French, his wife, d. Sept. 29, 1881. Children:

1. William, b. 1833; d. 1834.

2. William, b. June 10, 1840; m., in 1861, Ellen, dau. of Joseph and Sarah Ann (Ensworth) Woodman, b. Royalton, Vt., Aug. 21, 1839. William res. on the Trussell place a few years, then removed to Springfield, and in 1897 returned to N. L.; where he and his wife make their home with their dau. Luella. Children:

(1). Ada Josephine, b. Dec. 22, 1862; d. 1881.

(2). George A., b. Sept. 21, 1864; m., Sept. 1, 1891, Gertrude Hubbard; res. in N. L.

(3). Luella S., b. Dec. 1, 1866; m., Nov. 16, 1895, Fred N., son of Benjamin and Abbie (Smith) Spofford of Chester, who d. in N. L. July 6, 1897. Mrs. Spofford purchased the Merrill Robie place in 1897.

FULTON, ROBERT.—Beginning with 1851, Robert Fulton res. on the "old" Ai Worthen place at Davis hill, and d. there Sept. 11, 1865, aged 50 years. He was twice married, his second wife being the "Widow Morse." His son, Freeman F., m. Sarah, dau. of Elbridge Mitchell, paid a poll tax in 1866 and 1867, then removed from town.

GARDNER, REV. GEORGE W., D. D.—To adequately portray the character and life of the late Dr. Gardner, has not even been attempted in this biographical sketch; for the individuality of the man is too strong to be bounded by limitations, and the real history of more than forty years of earnest labor along educational and religious lines, cannot be told in the bare outline of a career of more than ordinary scope and interest. The son of Samuel and Sophia (Greeley) Gardner mentioned below, he came of good English blood, and himself added new honor to the family name. Like many another farmer's boy, he was ambitious for an education; so, earning his way by teaching, he fitted for college at Thetford (Vt.) academy, and graduated from Dartmouth in 1852. In the autumn of that year he took to himself man's greatest earthly blessing, a good wife. Thus fully equipped for life's battle, he accepted the position of principal at Black River academy, Ludlow, Vt.

In the fall of 1853 he became associated with Prof. Ephraim Knight in the principalship of the New London Literary and Scientific institution. For eight years, with all the vigor and enthusiasm of his sturdy, Christian manhood, he devoted himself to the upbuilding of the school; striving not only for a high standard of mental discipline, but for the formation and development of true manly and womanly character; years of toil that bore fruit an hundred fold, for the school was wonderfully prospered and blessed. While he himself yielded to none in his high esteem for the pastoral office which he afterwards held, it may with reason be claimed that Dr. Gardner's most distinguished service was rendered in the class room. His Christian manliness was an inspiration to his students, and his unfailing friendliness encouraged their best endeavors; while to his discriminating mind, invaluable for counsel, his intellectual insight, and love of truth, was added the natural gift of teaching—the ability to impart enthusiasm, and make the dryest theme glow with interest and reveal its hidden value.

Dr. Gardner's own Christian experience dated back to his fourteenth year, when he was baptized into the membership of the Canaan Baptist church; and his love for the Master's cause increased with his years. He was ordained to the ministry in 1858, and in the fall of 1861 accepted a call from the First Baptist church of Charlestown, Mass. This pastorate, of more than eleven years' duration, was almost an ideal one in its conditions, for the church was vigorous and the bond between pastor and people cordial and strong. In 1868 he received the degree of D. D. from Dartmouth college. In 1870 his church granted him leave of absence, and in company with Rev. Dr. D. W. Faunce, then of the First Baptist church, Concord (this state), Dr. Gardner spent several months in Europe and the Orient. During most of the Charlestown pastorate he was a member of the executive committee of the American Baptist Missionary union, and from 1872 to 1876 he devoted his whole time to the arduous duties of home secretary. In 1876 he was called to the First Baptist church, Cleveland, O., and two years later returned to Massachusetts to accept the charge of the Marblehead church.

Already the insidious disease that thereafter followed him had fastened its fatal hold, and the remainder of his life-work



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was performed with heroic courage, under limitations of pain and weariness that would have daunted any but one of his indomitable will. From 1881 to 1885, when failing health compelled him to give up the work to which he had set his hand, he was president of the Central university of Iowa; and even after this time he filled short pastorates at Fitchburg and Waltham, Mass. With increasing infirmity came the desire to rest amid the scenes of his early educational work, and in 1888 his former students bought and gave to him the home on New London hill where his last years were spent. Still the busy hand and active mind refused to be laid aside, and he wrote, preached, and taught when and wherever he felt there was yet something for him to do. Always a lover of Colby academy, his last work as an instructor was in her service. As professor of Biblical literature he gave to her students his ripest thought and the results of his latest studies. In October, 1894, Dr. Gardner was persuaded to spend the following winter in the home of a beloved niece at Des Moines, Ia., with the hope of improved health; but with the spring came increasing weakness, and an intense desire to again see his New London home. The long, wearisome journey was endured, the desire was satisfied, and two days later, on April 27, 1895, he entered into eternal rest.

In the pleasant home he so dearly loved his well-worn study-chair has its old, familiar place, the books and papers of the student teacher and ripe thinker lie close at hand, and a sweet-faced "mother in Israel," one whose devotion never failed, whose courage never faltered, patiently awaits the summons to the farther shore. Mrs. Celia (Hubbard) Gardner is a daughter of that Asahel Hubbard of Windsor, Vt., who in 1839 took up a quarter-section in what is now Davenport, Ia., but was then "away out West." Asahel was a descendant of George Hubbard of Guilford, Ct., who was first in Watertown, Mass., in 1633. In England the family is a very old one, the earliest authentic record being of a John Hubbard, b. about 1235, who lived at Tye, Norfolk county. Tradition, however, links the Hubbards with Hubba, son of a Danish "sea-king," who landed on the Northumbrian coast in 866, and whose descendants in the next four centuries settled mainly in the eastern and southeastern part of England. Children :

1. Guy Hubbard, b. March 7, 1856; m., Aug. 16, 1881, Cora, dau. of Dr. George Cutler of Cohasset, Mass.; res. in N. L.
2. Clarence, b. Dec. 12, 1858; graduated M. A. at Brown university, 1883; d. at N. L., June 8, 1893, of meningitis.
3. Ada Grant, b. May 4, 1860; graduated B. A. at Smith college, 1882, giving her the distinction of being the first woman b. in N. L. to receive a collegiate degree; m., May 4, 1886, Rev. Joseph Fielden, and res. in Winchester, Mass., Newport, and Winchendon, Mass. Children:
 - (1). Paul, b. Feb. 7, 1887.
 - (2). Margaret, b. April 8, 1888.
 - (3). Laura, b. Jan. 14, 1890.
 - (4). Andrew Gardner, b. Oct. 27, 1891.
 - (5). Clarence Barnard, b. Aug. 22, 1894.
 - (6). Ruth Elizabeth, b. Oct. 30, 1897.
4. George Frank, b. Winchester, Mass., Aug. 29, 1875; prepared for college at Colby academy; res. at home.

GARDNER, SAMUEL WALKER.—The data for the genealogy of the Gardner family have been obtained through the personal courtesy of Mrs. Augusta (Harvey) Worthen, (a great-niece of Mrs. Samuel Gardner),—so eminently qualified for the task of research and collation by her arduous labor on the “History of Sutton,” a work which has been an invaluable aid and resource in preparing the genealogies of many of the families recorded in this volume. With Mrs. Worthen it has been a labor of love to gather from many sources valuable details of the family history, and to her interest future generations of Gardners will be indebted for the preservation of the records of the ancestors and descendants of the first of that name to become a resident of N. L.

Thomas Gardner, the first in America, came over in 1624 from Dorsetshire, England, a neighborhood where the name had flourished for more than three centuries. He settled at Gloucester, Cape Ann, under the auspices of the Dorchester Company, and was overseer of the plantation. In 1626 he removed to Newbury and Salem, Mass., where some of his descendants have had their home into the present century. Thomas, Jr., b. England, 1592, probably accompanied his father to America; was a prominent merchant in Salem, and a member of the General Court in 1637. The second Thomas, by his wife, Damaris Shattuck, had, with others, Samuel, b.

about 1627, who was representative to the General Court 1681-'85. Samuel had a son or nephew with the same name as himself, and the grandson of this son or nephew, another Samuel, b. March 6, 1770, m. (1) Hannah Walker; (2) Mary, sister of Hannah, and res. in Bradford and Haverhill, Mass.

Samuel Walker, oldest child of Samuel and Hannah (Walker) Gardner, the fifth Samuel in succession and seventh in descent from the first Thomas, was b. in Bradford, April 14, 1797. He served as a drummer boy in the War of 1812, and was afterwards captain in the militia. He m., April 16, 1818, Sophia, dau. of Joseph and Dorothy (Sargent) Greeley of Haverhill, Mass. (later prominent in Sutton annals), b. Nov. 7, 1798. (Sally Greeley, an older sister of Sophia, m. John Harvey of Sutton, and was the mother of Augusta (Harvey) Worthen mentioned above.) After his marriage Samuel, who was a farmer and shoemaker, res. for a time in Sutton, then for many years was a respected citizen of N. L., and finally removed to Danbury. Sophia (Greeley) Gardner was a woman of marked strength of Christian character. Unable to walk for over thirty years before her death, and often prostrated by sickness, she yet trained her five children to lives of usefulness. Samuel d. at Somersworth, Feb. 28, 1884; Sophia d. at Bristol, Aug. 20, 1872, and both are buried at Danbury. Their children were,—

1. Dolly, b. Sutton, June 14, 1819; m., Jan. 6, 1839, Hezekiah Chase of Danbury; d. Jan. 26, 1854. Children:
 - (1). George Warren, b. Danbury, Sept. 17, 1839; m., March 11, 1869, Maria A. Temple; res. in Canaan, where Mr. Chase is a highly respected citizen. Child: (a) Charles T., b. Dec. 8, 1875; a very promising young man.
 - (2). Dorothy Ann, b. Pembroke, June 27, 1841; d. Danbury, June 4, 1857.
 - (3). Joseph Greeley, b. Danbury, Aug. 12, 1843; m., March 8, 1881, Lizzie A. West; res. in Concord, where he is a well known and energetic business man.
 - (4). Josephine S., b. Danbury, Aug. 28, 1847; m., July 11, 1872, in Charlestown, Mass., Rev. E. C. Spinney, D. D. Dr. Spinney is a graduate of Acadia college and Newton Theological seminary, and has held successful pastorates in Concord and at Burlington, Ia., while in the latter place being president of Burlington college. Resigning

from the ministry on account of ill health, Mr. Spinney is now serving as secretary and manager of the Home Savings and Trust company of Des Moines, Ia. Mrs. Spinney was carefully educated in her youth, and studied art under the best teachers in Boston. During her husband's presidency at Burlington she held the position of preceptress, teaching history, literature, and painting. She is very active in philanthropic and literary circles. Children: (a) Maude Josephine, b. Concord, July 2, 1877; is a fine musician, studying under the best German instructors from 1882; entered the classical course, Des Moines college, 1890, and was at Wellesley in 1893; m., Aug. 14, 1895, Walter Wallace Ames, an enterprising Southern gentleman. Child: (a) Edmund Spinney, b. July 26, 1896. (b) Blanche Gardner, b. Burlington, June 11, 1882; is now in Des Moines college; has marked literary tendencies, and is a writer for prominent magazines and newspapers.

2. Joseph Greeley, b. Sutton, Dec. 20, 1822; d. Haverhill, Mass., July 9, 1842.
3. Sophia Greeley, b. Troy, N. Y., Feb. 8, 1825; m., March 8, 1846, Rev. Asa Randlett; res. in N. L.
4. George Warren, b. Pomfret, Vt., Oct. 8, 1828; m., Nov. 18, 1852, Celia Lull, dau. of Asabel and Cynthia (Smith) Hubbard of Windsor, Vt.; res. in N. L.
5. Christopher Columbus, b. Hudson, May 8, 1833; m., April 13, 1859, in Concord, Susan E., dau. of Ezekiel G. and Nancy A. (Fifield) Bartlett; res. in N. L.

GEORGE, JONATHAN S.—Currier and Elizabeth (Sanborn) George of Springfield had five children, of whom two res. in N. L.,—Betsey, who m. William Blake [446], and Jonathan S., now living in the Couch house at Otterville. Currier George was a native of Henniker, and d. in N. L., Sept. 2, 1878, aged 89 years, 6 months. His wife was the dau. of Jonathan and Elizabeth Sanborn of Springfield, and d. in N. L., Sept. 21, 1877, aged 88 years. Jonathan George was b. Sept. 20, 1818; m., December, 1842, Charlotte, dau. of Reuben and Sally (Morse) Roby of Springfield, b. May 21, 1824. They res. first in Springfield, then for two years on the "Baker place" in N. L., were in charge of the town farm two years, then res. on the Benjamin Merrill farm, removing thence to the Lake Sunapee shore, where they lived for several years.

In the development of their summer business this property was purchased by the Woodsum Steamboat company, and Jonathan and his wife settled at Otterville. (The buildings on the lake property were burned by lightning in 1892.) Three other children of Reuben Roby were connected with N. L. families,—John B., who m. Hannah, dau. of Gage Woodward, and res. in N. L.; Betsey, m. Thomas Worthen [403]; Roxanna, m. Fifield Sanborn of Springfield, and was the mother of John B. Sanborn of Springfield and Levi Sanborn of N. L. The only child of Jonathan and Charlotte (Roby) George is,—

1. Daniel A., b. Springfield, Jan. 16, 1844; m., Nov. 27, 1868, Mrs. Maria Smith of Lowell; res. in Franklin, and is employed in the needle shop.

GOINGS, AUSTIN.—The three Goings brothers—Austin, Charles, and Claude—who enlisted in the Eighth N. H. V., Nov. 1, 1861, were natives of Thorndike, Me., the sons of Comfort Goings, who res. in the Jonathan George house at Otterville during the '60s. Comfort d. Sept. 2, 1868, aged 76 years. He was twice m.; five children by each wife. The children of the second wife, who d. in Manchester, July 20, 1870, aged 65 years, were,—(1). Claude, mentioned below. (2). Giles, m., Nov. 10, 1859, Frances Emmeline, dau. of Charles Jewett [355], and had,—(a) Charles, b. Oct. 8, 1861; m., and res. in Manchester; four children. (b) Edwin F., m., Jan. 31, 1897, Jennie S., dau. of Benjamin Merrill, and is the Otterville miller. (c) Addie E., m. Edwin S. Morrison, a native of Lawrence, Mass., and res. in North Boscawen; three children. (Emmeline (Jewett) Goings m. (2), Dec. 18, 1880, George Eastman, and res. in N. L.) (3). Austin, b. 1840, m. Nancy, dau. of Capt. John Pike [273]; enlisted in the Civil War, and was discharged for disability at Carrollton, La., July 5, 1862. Austin res. for several years on what is now the Dr. Morrill place, and is at present in Manchester. (4). Charles, b. 1842; served in the Eighth N. H. V. until mustered out, Jan. 18, 1865; appointed corporal of Company F, Jan. 1, 1864; m. Marcia Faye, and res. in Albion, Me., where he d. April 14, 1888. (5). Almeda, m. (1) Wallace Hall of Washington; m. (2) Frank Hill of Nashua, and res. in New Jersey.

GOINGS, CLAUDE.—Claude, oldest son of Comfort Goings above, b. 1836, m. Mary, dau. of Capt. John Pike [273], and has been a resident of N. L. since 1857. His service in the Eighth N. H. V. won him the rank of sergeant in 1863, and he was severely wounded at Bayou de Glaize, La., May 17, 1864. He is a carriage painter by trade, and an expert violinist. Of his children, Katie O., b. Sept. 2, 1860, m., July 5, 1880, Horace Hurd, and res. in N. L.; Hattie W., b. 1872, m., Nov. 17, 1897, Newton L. Sargent of N. L.; Mary, m. Chester Moody of Sutton, and Ola m. Edward Kimball and res. in N. L.

GOULD, LEONARD P.—Leonard Gould came from Hillsborough to N. L. in 1867, and res. on the Penuel Everett farm. In the years that he lived here he acquired considerable influence, and held several town offices. He is now living at Andover Centre, and keeps a livery stable. His wife was Sarah Coolidge of Hillsborough. Children: George, Scott (d. Oct. 18, 1877, aged 17 years), Arthur, Mabel, Frank.

GREENWOOD, JAMES C.—James C., son of Samuel and Martha (Trayne) Greenwood [251], acquired the Frank Pike house at Scytheville in 1862, and was in business there until his death, May 12, 1873. His widow, Martha Ada, dau. of Abial and Mary (Woodbury) Burpee [331], now res. with her sister, Mrs. H. M. Fales. No children.

GREENWOOD, NAHUM T.—Nahum Trayne, youngest child of Samuel and Martha (Trayne) Greenwood [251], enjoys the honor of being the only boy who, with about twenty young ladies, attended the first term of school under the tuition of Miss Susan F. Colby in the old New London academy. At the age of fourteen, when he was nearly fitted for college, his taste for storekeeping led him to try a clerkship with his brother-in-law, Daniel E. Colby, at Scytheville. He remained here four years, then was in business at Boston until 1853, and returning to N. L. was engaged with Anthony C. Burpee in the store on the hill six years. In 1859 he purchased his father's interest in the New London Scythe company, and for nearly thirty years devoted his energy and experience to the business of the firm. He built what is now known as the "president's house" on Colby hill, and res. there until 1882,



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when he built the spacious dwelling at Scytheville now owned by Rutus Lamson, and res. there until the scythe works were closed in 1889. Since that time the family have lived at Jamaica Plain, Mass., where Mr. Greenwood has been very successful in the real-estate business. He was one of the earlier trustees of the academy under the name of New London Literary and Scientific institution, and has held the office of treasurer, with all its cares and responsibilities, since 1871. During his long residence in N. L., Mr. Greenwood was a leading spirit in business, political, and church circles, and a liberal giver. Mrs. Greenwood is the dau. of Perley and Judith (Colby) Burpee [223], and occupied a prominent position in the social life of the town. For many years she sang in the choir, and was an active worker in the church and Sunday school. Children:

1. Genevieve, b. July 30, 1855; d. May 6, 1876.
2. Harry, b. Nov. 27, 1857; educated at Colby academy, and was admitted as partner in the New London Scythe company about 1880; m., Oct. 21, 1886, Emma Frances, dau. of James and Sarah Parker of Littleton, Mass., who graduated from Colby academy in the class of 1883. They res. in Concord for several years, and are now living in Worcester Mass. Child:
 - (1). Wallace Wright, b. Concord, Sept. 13, 1892.
3. Alice Trayne, b. Oct. 17, 1860; res. at home.
4. Robert Byng, b. July 21, 1862; graduated Colby academy, 1882; was in the scythe business with his father, and after spending several years in the West is now in the insurance business at Waterbury, Conn.

HANAFORD, JOSEPH N.—The Hanaford family removed here from New Hampton in the spring of 1854, Mrs. Hanaford acting as matron in the boarding-house connected with the academy. This arrangement lasted several years, and they then res. on the George Bickford place. Mr. Hanaford was a shoemaker by trade, and built what is now the drug store for a shoe-shop. His son Sidney utilized the upper story as a photographer's studio along in the '60s. The family removed to Manchester, where they kept a hotel, and both Mr. and Mrs. Hanaford d. and were buried there. Mrs. Hanaford's maiden name was Betsey Prescott. Two sisters of Mr. Hanaford, Mary and Nancy, res. here for many years, and

built the house now owned by Elmer Adams. Mary d. in N. L., Aug. 15, 1883, aged 87 years. The Hanaford boys were all b. in New Hampton. Sidney R., the oldest, m., June 26, 1862, Abbie J. Story of Sutton; was a photographer by occupation, and d. recently at Portland, Me. J. Boardman, the second son, graduated New London institution 1867, and is now a physician in Warwick, R. I. William, the youngest son, is a grocer in Providence, R. I.

HANSON, HEZEKIAH E.—In the spring of 1848, Hezekiah Hanson of Newport, in company with his brother-in-law, John W. Taylor, purchased the cloth factory at Otterville. He m., Feb. 29, 1848, Cornelia C., dau. of Nathan and Hannah (Bixby) Taylor of Newport, b. Feb. 10, 1817, and after a five-years residence here returned to Newport.

HARVEY, HENRY DEARBORN.—Dearborn, youngest son of Jonathan and Hannah (Cram) Harvey [253], in the early days of the scythe works burned the charcoal used in the forges. He was a farmer and tanner, and lived successively in Sutton, Wilmot, and N. L. His second wife, whom he m. May 13, 1855, was Abigail (Pingree) Bragg, dau. of Asa Pingree [274]. Dearborn built the cottage now occupied by Perley Prescott, and res. there until his death, Oct. 13, 1881, at the age of 67. Abigail d. Nov. 6, 1895. Children of Dearborn by Hannah (Welch) Harvey:

1. Jonathan H., b. Wilmot, 1843; enlisted Sept. 28, 1861, and served in Company I of the Fifth N. H. V.; d. disease, Feb. 5, 1862, near Alexandria, Va.
2. Mary Helen, b. April, 1847; m. Joseph C. A. Meserve of Concord, where she d. Children:
 - (1). Albert H., b. Sept. 10, 1873.
 - (2). Alice G., b. Sept. 20, 1875.

HARVEY, OLIVER PERRY.—Perry Harvey, brother of Dearborn above, res. on the Moses Haskins place at Scytheville, and also built the John Jones house. Later he removed to Danbury, where he d., and where his widow, who was a sister of the first wife of Dearborn, was living recently. Children:

1. Lovana, m., Dec. 4, 1864, Nathan H. Brown, who kept the store at Scytheville for a brief period in the '80s. Nathan was the son of Charles K. and Nancy (Baker) Brown of Newport, and was b. Dec. 5, 1836.

2. George W., b. 1843; enlisted from Danbury, Aug. 30, 1861, serving in Company I, Fourth N. H. V.; re-enlisted Jan. 1, 1864; d. disease, May 27, 1864, at Bermuda Hundred, Va.

HASKINS, MOSES H.—Moses Haskins has lived on his farm at Scytheville for thirty years. He is the son of Asa L. Haskins [349], a man of generous hospitality, keen humor, and remarkably clear memory. His wife is the dau. of Johnson Rolfe [377]. Mrs. Haskins has a quilt of dark blue cloth, quilted in puffed figures, on which her mother hired twenty days' work, and a pewter mug which belonged to her mother when she was a child. Children:

1. Carrie E., b. May 20, 1857; d. July 20, 1861.
2. Helen M., b. Dec. 10, 1862; m., Oct. 28, 1882, Mason W. Emery; res. in N. L.
3. Allen E., b. Aug. 27, 1868; m., Sept. 2, 1889, Abbie Idella Powers; res. in N. L.

HASTINGS, ALVIN.—In 1854, Alvin Hastings and his son Amos bought of James Miller Pike the present Hastings place in the West Part, which was originally owned by Josiah Davis, whose son John built the Hastings house. Alvin was the son of Joshua (b. in Maine, in one of the towns on the Androscoggin river) and Jenny (Witherspoon) Hastings, who lived in the edge of Newbury. Jenny was a sister of James Witherspoon of Newbury, whose dau. Martha m. Samuel Smith Knowlton of N. L. Alvin m. Abby S., dau. of Fletcher and Mehitabel Blodgett, b. Merrimack, and lived first in Newbury. Both Alvin and his wife d. in N. L., the latter on Oct. 23, 1878, aged 68 years, 9 months. Children:

1. Amos, b. Nov. 1, 1830; m., Jan. 16, 1853, Martha Cross; res. in N. L.
2. Betsey Jane, b. 1835; d. young.
3. Jacob Oren, d. young.

HASTINGS, AMOS.—Amos, son of Alvin above, res. for a year after his marriage on the Dr. Morrill place, but the remainder of his life was passed on the farm now occupied by his widow and son. He was industrious and economical, and accumulated considerable property. With the development of the town as a summer resort, what is now known as Hastings's shore, a beautiful pine grove on the border of Lake Sunapee, was utilized as an admirable location for summer cottages, and Mr. Hastings was untiring in his efforts to improve the natural

advantages of the place. He d. May 24, 1897. Martha (Cross) Hastings is the dau. of Benjamin and Martha (Davis) Cross, b. Springfield, Jan. 22, 1835, and is a granddaughter of Josiah Davis [89]. Children:

1. Edwin F., b. Dec. 1, 1854; m., Oct. 7, 1877, Rosa Roby; res. in N. L.
2. Loammi, b. Feb. 10, 1856; d. Jan. 8, 1880.

HASTINGS, EPHRAIM G.—Ephraim Hastings res. on the Bohanan place, Summer street, and afterwards removed to Manchester, where he was killed on the railroad. His wife was Margaret, dau. of Joseph Hastings. Ephraim was a grandson of Joshua Hastings mentioned above, by his son David. David m. Margaret Gunnison of Goshen, and their last years were passed with their son. David d. Jan. 8, 1879, aged 79 years; Margaret d. Oct. 27, 1878, aged 89 years.

HASTINGS, JOHN.—Another son of Joshua Hastings who became a resident of N. L., was John, the oldest child. John m. Polly, dau. of Ezekiel and Susan (Smith) Knowlton [118]. He acquired the Joseph Harvey farm at Hominy Pot in 1851, and res. there until his death, Jan. 27, 1877, in his 80th year. Polly (Knowlton) Hastings d. Nov. 21, 1881. The place is now owned and occupied by their oldest dau. and two of her children. John's children were,—

1. Susanna Jane, m. William Fletcher of Chelmsford, Mass., and res. in Croydon, Springfield, Grantham, Weare, and Sutton. William d. about 1866, and his widow returned to N. L. to care for her parents. Children:
 - (1). Moses T., d. aged 3 years.
 - (2). John S., d. aged 2 years.
 - (3). Ezekiel T., d. aged 2 years.
 - (4). William Oren, unmarried; res. with his mother and carries on the farm.
 - (5). Charles H., d. unmarried, aged 22 years.
 - (6). Mary J., b. March 7, 1851; unmarried; res. at home.
 - (7). Sarah T., m. Mr. Hurst, and res. at Pelham. Nine children.
 - (8). Edna Eaton, m. Frederick Hill, and res. in Newbury. No children.
 - (9). Rachel Emma, m. Mason W. Stearns, and res. in Sutton. Of their six children, those now living are Nathan, Arthur, and Lula.

- (10). Joseph B., m. Esther E. Parker, b. Nova Scotia, and res. on the "Leach place" on the Sutton line. Two adopted children.
- (11). Nathaniel K., d. N. L., May 16, 1882, aged 19 years.
2. Joshua Knowlton, m. (1) Eliza Kimball and res. in Sunapee; m. (2) Clara Whitney and res. in Wilmot.
3. John Stephen, d. aged 10 years.
4. Mary Jerusha, d. aged 3 years.

HAYDEN, REV. LUCIEN, D. D. — Rev. Lucien Hayden, the beloved pastor of the New London church for eleven years, was b. in Winsted, Litchfield county, Conn., Oct. 31, 1808, a lineal descendant in the seventh generation of William Hayden of Windsor, Conn., an early emigrant. Mr. Hayden graduated at Hamilton college (now Colgate university), New York, in 1836, and subsequently pursued Biblical and theological studies at the same institution. In June, 1838, he was ordained pastor of the Baptist church in Dover (this state), and was resettled at Saxton's River, Vt., in 1843. In July, 1857, he returned to New Hampshire, and was settled as pastor of the New London church from that time until November, 1868, when he resigned this charge and removed to Augusta, Ga., for the benefit of his wife's health, teaching for a year in a school for colored preachers. The three following years he and his wife were in charge of a young ladies' institute at Indianapolis. From 1872 to 1875 he was pastor at Grafton, Vt.; then for four years a clerk in the Treasury department, Washington; pastor at Dunbarton 1879 to 1885, and at Shutesbury, Mass., until 1888, when he retired from active service.

After this Dr. Hayden made his home in Concord, and was a devoted attendant of the First Baptist church, beloved and revered by all for his sweet and simple faith. In 1895 Dr. Hayden went to the Nugent home, in Germantown, Pa., where he "fell asleep" Nov. 10, 1896. He received the degrees of A. M. and D. D. from his alma mater in 1854 and 1865 respectively. In the Baptist State convention he was a trustee in 1841 and 1857-1862, vice-president 1863-1866, president 1867-1868, and was twice a member of the New Hampshire legislature. During the greater part of his New London pastorate he served as superintending school committee. Dr. Hayden was twice married. His first wife was Miss Caroline

C. Smith of Keene, whom he m. June 5, 1838. She d. April 27, 1857, and he m. (2), Oct. 21, 1858, Miss Mary Jane, dau. of Dea. Abraham and Sally Prescott of Concord, b. Nov. 30, 1821. Miss Prescott was the first lady principal of the New London institution after its reorganization in 1853, and it was here that she met Mr. Hayden. She was a lineal descendant of the emigrant James Prescott, and a near connection of Sewell B. Prescott of N. L. [374]. A younger sister of Mrs. Hayden, Sarah Elizabeth, who m. Rev. Foster Henry, was the mother of Mrs. Oren D. Crockett of N. L.; and an older sister, Hannah Cram, who m. S. Prentiss Hill of Charlestown, Mass., is the step-mother of Mrs. Dura Morgan [366], and a frequent visitor at N. L. Dr. Hayden had one child by each wife,—

1. Lucien Henry, b. May 21, 1839; res. in Washington, D. C., a successful teacher of the piano and organ.
2. Mary P., b. N. L., Feb. 3, 1863; d. in early infancy.

HAYES, HON. JOHN MARSHALL. — John M. Hayes, oldest son of John and Abigail (Adams) Hayes, was a man whose honorable career is a source of pride to his native town. With only the advantages afforded by the common schools, he had withal a fund of business tact and energy that stood him in good stead throughout a busy and active career. He early manifested a taste for mercantile pursuits, and about 1846 commenced business for himself in the general store at the "Four Corners." Here he remained (serving as postmaster for eight years, and also as town clerk) until 1860, when he removed to Salisbury, and for eight years conducted a successful business in that town. After a year in Goffstown, in 1869 he purchased a home in Manchester, and res. there until his death, Jan. 10, 1880.

Mr. Hayes was deeply interested in politics, and an active and zealous Democrat. During his residence in Salisbury he represented the town in the legislature, and was twice elected senator from District No. 8. In Manchester he served two terms as alderman from Ward 6, and was repeatedly urged to accept a nomination for the mayoralty. He was a prominent Mason, and held several important offices in that order. At the time of his death Mr. Hayes was a member of Washington lodge, Adoniram council, and Trinity commandery in Man-



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chester, and of Trinity chapter in Concord. He was possessed of many strong and winning qualities, enterprising, sagacious, and honorable in public life, genial and courteous everywhere. A kind husband and father, a warm friend and good neighbor, as a citizen he was a help to every community in which he dwelt. He made friends wherever he went, and his death brought sadness to a wide circle of acquaintances who loved and respected his true manliness of character. Mr. Hayes m., Jan. 23, 1850, Susan Elizabeth, dau. of Samuel and Nancy (Greeley) Carr [225]. Mrs. Hayes now res. with her son in Manchester, and is occasionally a welcome visitor in the well-loved home of her girlhood and early womanhood. It is due to her active interest that such full records of the Greeley, Carr, and Hayes families were secured for this volume.

Children :

1. Frank P., b. Nov. 27, 1850; d. Sept. 19, 1853.
2. Charles C., b. May 31, 1855; graduated from the Manchester High school in 1875, and after three years' experience as clerk embarked in the grocery business for himself. In 1881 he began a general real estate, loan, and fire insurance business, in which he is still engaged. He is an active member of the Manchester board of trade, serving as its president in 1894-'95. In Masonry he has passed the chairs in the lodge, council, and commandery of which he is a member, has been honored by the fraternity of the state with an election as grand master, and as grand commander of the Grand Commandery, K. T.; is a thirty-second degree Mason, and has been elected to receive the thirty-third and last degree. Along political lines Mr. Hayes has followed in his father's footsteps, and in 1894 and 1896 was the mayoralty candidate of his party, each time running many hundreds of votes over the regular ticket. He attends the First Baptist church, and for seven years has been the president of its society. He m., Jan. 1, 1885, Belle J., dau. of John and Hannah B. Kennard of Manchester, who d. Aug. 1, 1890, leaving three children, — John Carroll, Louise K., and Annie Belle.
3. Mattie M., b. Sept. 14, 1857; m. George I. McAllister, a well-known lawyer of Manchester, the son of Jonathan and Caroline McAllister of Londonderry. Children :
 - (1). Bertha H., b. Sept. 27, 1887.
 - (2). Harold C., b. March 28, 1893.

HERSEY, REV. PETER M. — Rev. Peter Hersey, who was pastor of the Christian church in this town from 1846 to 1853, (an uncle of Mrs. Henrietta (Hersey) Whipple), was b. Sanbornton, April 17, 1810. He experienced religion in 1830, began his ministerial labors as an itinerant in 1838, was ordained at Groton by the Christian denomination in 1841, and held several pastorates both before and after his charge in N. L. He m., March 21, 1833, Mary F. B. Hale of Newmarket, where he res. after retiring from active labor. All the family are now deceased except the oldest child. Children :

1. Emily Hale, b. May 21, 1834; m., Sept. 21, 1871, S. H. Currier, M. D., of Norwich, Vt. (his second wife).
2. Abby Kimball, b. Oct. 25, 1836; m., May 17, 1858, S. H. Currier, M. D., of Norwich, Vt.; d. Oct. 8, 1870. Child :
(1). William H., b. March 9, 1859.
3. Mary Foss, b. April 30, 1844; d. June 30, 1869.

HOBBS, ABEL F. — Abel, son of Daniel F. Hobbs [353], built the Jacob Waite house on the Sutton road about 1853. The last brick burned in the Stephen Sargent yard on Pleasant street were put into the chimneys of this house. In 1859 all the Hobbs families removed to the West.

HOWE, SERENO. — Came from Massachusetts in 1868, and purchased the Frank Todd place; was a cousin of Mrs. Jacob Waite; preached as supply at Otterville. An unmarried sister kept house for him, but he m. not long before his return to Massachusetts in 1875.

HUNTING, ALBERT R. — Since his marriage, Albert, son of Israel and Lucinda (Everett) Hunting [257], has res. on the farm formerly owned by his maternal grandfather, Lieut. Levi Everett [95]. Firm in his friendships and opinions, thoroughly reliable in his dealings, he is one of those rare men whose essential goodness is a source of honorable pride to the town in which they dwell. Clara (Burt) Hunting is a native of Windsor, Vt., b. July 22, 1826, a most devoted wife and mother. Children :

1. Emma L., b. Dec. 9, 1853; d. Sept. 30, 1854.
2. George A., b. Aug. 23, 1859; m., Aug. 27, 1885, Nellie B. Colby of Bradford, Vt.; res. in Methuen, Mass., where he is an overseer in the employ of the Knitted Fabric company.
3. Justin M., b. Oct. 9, 1862; d. Jan. 24, 1888.

4. Ella M., b. Aug. 6, 1864; graduate of Colby academy, and a successful teacher; m., July 18, 1894, George W., son of George and Martha (Taylor) Hodges of Bristol, Conn.; they res. in Chicago, and have a summer cottage on the easterly shore of Little Sunapee. Mr. Hodges is a trustee of Colby academy, and Western agent for the Goodell Cutlery company of Antrim. Children:
 - (1). David Hunting, b. Nov. 17, 1895.
 - (2). Burt Taylor, b. Jan. 1, 1897.
 - (3). George Albert, b. Dec. 16, 1897.
5. Burt E., b. Dec. 5, 1867; an earnest student, industrious and capable, he has utilized every opportunity compatible with filial duties; unmarried; res. at home, and is a carpenter by trade.

HUNTING, JONATHAN G.—One of the most skilful tillers of the soil this town has ever known was Greeley Hunting, son of Jonathan and Sally (Shepard) Hunting and grandson of the pioneer, Dea. Ebenezer Hunting [111]. Greeley was a resident of Sutton until 1856, then lived in the Low Plain district on the Eliphalet Smith place, and later in the Clough house at Gay corner, where he d. March 24, 1890. Harriet (Rowe) Hunting, b. 1813, d. Feb. 15, 1893. Of their children, Elizabeth, Mary Ann, Sarah never m., and are deceased. Elizabeth d. Dec. 9, 1894, within a month of her 58th birthday. Susan, the youngest dau., has been twice m.

JEWETT, JAMES MUNROE.—James M., son of Jedediah Jewett, Jr. [258], res. on the ancestral farm at the West Part. He d. Nov. 22, 1881. His wife, Harriet (Page) Jewett, was the dau. of John Page, Jr. [368]. Children:

1. Abby S., b. Nov. 10, 1851; m., June 29, 1872, Hiram A. Stratton, b. Craftsbury, Vt.; res. in Hill and in Maine; d. suddenly of scarlet fever at East Andover, Jan. 28, 1876.
2. Frank P., b. Feb. 17, 1853; m., Nov. 27, 1878, Sarah Pike; res. in N. L.
3. Emma M., b. Nov. 7, 1856; m., Nov. 7, 1877, Robert L., son of Abijah Davis [459].

JONES, EDWIN A.—In tracing the early history of the Jones family, it is found that the name is of Welsh origin. In England, people with the surname Jones are very numerous, seventy-three distinct families. with as many different coats of arms, having been located. It was from one of these families that

the Lewis Jones who was in Roxbury, Mass., in 1640, came. Lewis was a thrifty pioneer, and an energetic citizen. He and his wife Ann had five children, one of whom, Josiah, later of Watertown, and still later of Weston, Mass., had ten children. James, one of the ten, himself reared a family of eleven. Aaron, son of James, b. June 10, 1723, was "published," Nov. 25, 1749, with Silence, dau. of Robert and Abigail (Sawin) Cutting. Five children were the fruit of this marriage; then Aaron m. (2) Elizabeth, dau. of Col. Charles Prescott of Concord, Mass., by whom he had Elizabeth and Prescott; then by Miriam Brown, his third wife, five more children, or twelve in all. Aaron was a prominent man in Weston, and was one of the principal proprietors of Templeton, Mass., which he greatly aided in settling and where he d. April 19, 1820. Prescott Jones, b. Weston, April 20, 1770, m., Jan. 31, 1798, Jane Moore, b. Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 14, 1769. Prescott d. April 19, 1828; Jane d. May 26, 1835. The fifth of their seven children was Otis, b. June 26, 1807. Otis m., Oct. 31, 1831, Harriet, dau. of Josiah Stockwell of Athol, Mass. He was a tanner by trade, and lived in Athol, Angelica, N. Y., and Wilmot Flat, coming to the latter place in 1835 to operate the tannery which he afterwards bought for himself. Otis d. Wilmot Flat, Feb. 6, 1886; Harriet d. Dec. 4, 1880. They had three children: Prescott, b. Jan. 17, 1840, enlisted in the Sixteenth N. H. V., serving as second lieutenant; d. of typhoid fever at Carrollton, La., the first loss in the regiment; the G. A. R. post at Wilmot Flat is named in his memory. Frances Jane, the only dau., b. June 29, 1835, m., May 29, 1855, Augustus S., son of Hon. R. H. Messer [363]. Edwin Augustus, b. Sept. 26, 1832, became a citizen of N. L.

There is perhaps no man in the town to-day more thoroughly respected for his general worthiness than Edwin A. Jones. Having followed his father's trade as tanner, he came to N. L. March 15, 1859, and in company with Richard Oren Messer began the operation of the tannery at Scytheville, which had been run under the management of Messer & Phillips of the New London Scythe company the previous decade. June 24, 1863, the tannery was burned. Mr. Jones then bought out the other half of the property, rebuilt, and for the succeeding quarter-century, until his retirement in 1888, continued the

business alone. Since that time he has been connected with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance company, as their agent for thirteen towns in Merrimack county northwest of and including the city of Franklin. He represented the town in the state legislature of 1870 and 1871, has served as town clerk and auditor, and as a member of the school board. He has been a master Mason of King Solomon's lodge for forty years, occupying some important chair from the very first of his connection. His service as master of the lodge was for ten years, and he has been its efficient secretary for more than fifteen. On leaving the master's chair in 1880 he was presented with a silver ice-pitcher and salver, and a past master's jewel, in recognition of his faithful adherence to the ideals and work of the order. Mr. Jones m., May 24, 1857, Harriet Frances, dau. of Robert Todd [390], and their home near the outlet of Lake Pleasant has always been a model of comfort and beauty. Their only child, b. May 30, 1870, d. in early infancy.

[It is with sincere regret, as these pages go to the printer, that the announcement of Mr. Jones's death, July 3, 1898, is added to the above sketch.]

KIDDER, ANDREW J.—Andrew J. Kidder, b. Springfield, Jan. 13, 1828, the son of Thomas Kidder, and a builder and contractor by trade, became a resident of N. L. late in the '50s. He built and res. in the parsonage, was in Virginia for a few years, then built the house at the Four Corners now owned and occupied by his niece, Mrs. Jenkins. In the '80s he res. for a few years at York Beach, Me., where he was engaged in business. His present home is just across the Springfield and N. L. line, where his elder sons have built a large and handsome summer hotel, known as "Twin Lake Villa" from its picturesque location near the twin bays of Little Sunapee. At Kidder's mills in Springfield he has done a large business in sawed and finished lumber for many years. Mr. Kidder has been an active and public-spirited citizen, and has capably filled the positions of trust to which he was elected. Though now a citizen and taxpayer of a sister town, his social interests still bind him to N. L. In the church both his wife and himself have long been faithful and energetic workers, and as superintendent of the Sunday school Mr. Kidder was for several years one of the most capable officers the school has ever had. Mr.

Kidder's first wife d. June 3, 1862, aged 29 years, about a month after the death of an infant of a few weeks. Another child, Willie, d. suddenly of pneumonia, Dec. 31, 1869. His second wife was Mary Holder of Lynn, Mass. Children :

1. Mattie R., b. April 16, 1868.
2. Henry W., b. Jan. 25, 1871.
3. Andrew J. Jr., b. March 14, 1873; m., and is now in business at Derry.
4. Mary H., b. April 3, 1875.
5. Willie, b. Jan. 8, 1878; in business at Derry.
6. Nathaniel H.; d. July 1, 1881.
7. Luther McCutchins, student at Colby academy.

KNIGHT, PROFESSOR EPHRAIM. — Indissolubly linked with the history of the organization of New London academy as a denominational school in 1853, is the name of Professor Ephraim Knight. For seven years previous to his engagement here he had been professor of mathematics at New Hampton institution, and occupied an enviable position among the teachers of New Hampshire. Dr. Ebenezer Dodge, then pastor of the Baptist church in N. L., and deeply interested in the foundation of a state denominational school, was urgent in his persuasion of Professor Knight to take charge of this school at the time of its institution. While the innate modesty of Mr. Knight led him to decline the full responsibility of this position, in March, 1853, he became associate principal, and accepted the chair of mathematics, a line of work for which he had a special liking and in which he particularly excelled. He came to N. L. in the spring of 1853, and as no principal had then been secured, threw himself heartily into the work of organization and equipment wherever his experience and tact could be of service, teaching in the school, and advising and supervising the changes in the academy building and the erection of the ladies' boarding-house. He was instrumental in securing the services of Dr. George W. Gardner, the first principal under the new regime, and, as Dr. Gardner himself characterized it, — "uniting the wisdom born of experience with the courage of youth, successfully launched the school on its new career."

Quietly and faithfully he performed his chosen work as associate professor for twenty years, his high attainments as a scholar and teacher bringing a widespread patronage and in-



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fluence to the school with which he was connected. The great sorrow of his life came with the death of his only daughter, a lovely child of rare intellectual promise, and in 1873 his rapidly failing health compelled him to lay down the work he loved so well. For five years he lived and suffered, tenderly cared for by his devoted wife and children, until death came as a welcome release March 4, 1878. A man of peculiarly winning disposition, his pupils were always his friends, because, wrote Dr. Dodge, "they love you as a man and confide in you as an instructor." His death was greatly lamented, and the handsome monument erected to his memory in the village cemetery was a token of esteem from his former pupils.

Ephraim Knight was the oldest son of Asa and Melinda (Adams) Knight of Hancock and N. L., b. Nov. 1, 1817. His father was a farmer and miller, and in a family of eight children there could be no idle hands. His early advantages for an education were limited, but the germ of the scholar was implanted, and energy and perseverance did the rest. He was ready for Waterville college in the spring of 1846, but circumstances were unfavorable, and he became teacher of mathematics at New Hampton, remaining there until his removal to N. L. in 1853. For many years he was a popular lecturer at teachers' institutes, and was superintendent of the State Normal school in 1871. In 1869 he was ordained as a Baptist minister, and for four years preached on alternate Sundays at Sutton. An indefatigable worker, his services were anywhere and everywhere welcomed, and were freely rendered while health and strength remained. The honorary degree of A. M. was tendered him by Brown university in 1849, and by Dartmouth college in 1861. Professor Knight m., April 20, 1847, Augusta B., dau. of Charles and Betsey (Buss) Crane, b. Dorchester, Mass., Dec. 14, 1821. Mrs. Knight still occupies the cottage opposite the academy grounds which has been her home for forty years, the centre of a wide circle of friends and acquaintances who admire and respect the consistent character of her daily life. Children:

1. Herbert, b. New Hampton, Jan. 1, 1850; d. Jan. 27, 1850.
2. Carl E., b. New Hampton, May 6, 1851; graduated from Dartmouth in 1873, and is a prominent lawyer in Milford; m., June, 1893, Sarah Kittredge Gillis of Milford.

3. William M., b. N. L., May 20, 1855; graduated from Brown university in 1877, and has been very successful as a lawyer in Meridian, Texas, since his admission to the bar in 1880; m. (1), Dec. 3, 1890, Martha E. Farmer of Glasgow, Mo., who d. July 21, 1895; m. (2), Nov. 26, 1896, Mrs. Frances Dennison.
4. Mabel Adele, b. April 17, 1859; d. July 25, 1871.

KNIGHT, GEORGE M. — The three Knight brothers, Ephraim, Ebenezer, and George, who acquired the right of citizenship in N. L. during the '50s, were the grandsons of the Ebenezer Knight (b. Topsfield, Mass., March 17, 1751) who settled in Hancock prior to 1800. The "History of Hancock" gives Walter Knight, who was in Salem, Mass., in 1626, as one of the earliest representatives of the name in this country. Benjamin Knight of Salem had a son, Enos, b. 1730, who was the father of the Ebenezer that settled in Hancock, but the absolute connection of Benjamin with the emigrant Walter has not been definitely established. This much, however, is certain, that the name has always been honorably borne, and the families have been an acquisition in the communities where they dwelt. The first Ebenezer m. Margaret Peabody, and their oldest son, Asa, b. New Ipswich, Oct. 4, 1791, m., Feb. 6, 1817, Melinda Adams. Melinda was the dau. of Ephraim Adams, who was the son of Ephraim and Lydia (Kinsman) Adams of Ipswich, Mass., b. Dec. 15, 1749. Ephraim the father was b. in Ipswich in 1724. He was a descendant of the William Adams who was in Cambridge, Mass., in 1635, and was a man of great intellectual and moral power; he represented Ipswich in the Continental congress. Asa was a miller and farmer, and res. in Hancock (at Coolidge's Mills) and Milford. His last years were passed with his sons in N. L., where he d. Aug. 14, 1871. His wife d. in N. L., Dec. 28, 1868.

Ebenezer, b. June 28, 1822, and George Malcom, b. May 24, 1831, became joint owners of the 'Squire Samuel Messer farm on Messer hill in 1857. Ebenezer d. Oct. 5, 1860, leaving a widow, Mary (Keeley) Knight (a native of Saco, Me.), who d. Oct. 27, 1860, and a dau., Louise Elizabeth, who m., March 28, 1882, Benjamin J. Boutwell of Lyndeborough. George purchased his brother's share of the farm, and to-day.



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thanks to his diligence, thrift, and enterprise, the property is one of the most valuable in town. The location is very sightly, commanding a sweep of Lake Sunapee and the surrounding country that stands unrivalled in this section. Mr. and Mrs. Knight were among the first to open their home to summer guests, and those who came returned again and again to partake of the generous hospitality that has ever been a characteristic of the family. The original dwelling has been enlarged and re-enlarged to meet increased demands, and each season sees its capacity fully tested. Mr. Knight is a carpenter by trade, and a thorough workman. As a citizen and as a man he has won respect from his fellow-men, doing his duty fearlessly and with staunch adherence to the right. He has served as county commissioner, and as a member of the school board. In the church work he has always borne a prominent part, and is a generous giver. Mr. Knight m., Nov. 11, 1855, Melinda, dau. of Timothy and Mary (Nichols) Adams of Enosburgh, Vt., b. July 27, 1829. Everywhere and in everything Mrs. Knight has shown herself a true helpmeet, and is a pattern of genuine womanliness. Children :

1. Mary J., b. April 7, 1861 ; m., Nov. 24, 1885, Charles W. Gordon ; res. in N. L.
2. Robert M., b. Oct. 19, 1871 ; graduated from Colby academy, and for several years has held a responsible position with a leading wholesale grocery firm in Boston, Mass.

KNOWLTON, NATHANIEL. — Diligence, industry, and thrift have been prominent Knowlton traits in past generations, and the well-tilled fields and substantial buildings of the Knowlton homestead stamp its present owner as an up-to-date, thorough-going farmer, fully alive to his opportunities, and improving them to the utmost. Nathaniel, youngest son of Samuel Smith Knowlton [261], is the only one of their large family of children now living in N. L. Mr. and Mrs. Knowlton celebrated their silver wedding (March 10, 1889) at Marshall Pass, Colorado, 11,000 feet above sea level. They were on their way home from a trip to California, and their travelling companions, learning the special importance attaching to this date, presented them with a handsome written testimonial on the trip up the pass, a souvenir which forms a cherished ornament in their pleasant home. Children :

1. Alberta M., b. Nov. 11, 1866; m. Hiram Bert, son of Herman J. Currier; res. in N. L. and Hillsborough.
2. Fred W., b. March 18, 1877; studied at Colby academy; res. at home.

KNOWLTON, N. COLUMBUS. — The only son of Capt. Nathaniel Woodbury Knowlton [260] has been a worthy citizen of the town where he was born and where so many years of his life have been passed. A man of clear judgment, plain dealing, and honest speaking, he has the strong friendship and respect of his fellow-citizens, and in his comfortable home at the junction of Columbus avenue and the Burpee hill road he still enjoys the fruit of long years of toil and patient industry. The Knowlton house was originally built in the early part of the present century by Jeremiah Burpee, who sold to 'Squire Jonathan Greeley. Mr. Knowlton bought of the Greeley heirs in 1850, and has greatly enlarged and improved the house. Children :

1. Frank W., b. May 5, 1855; m., Nov. 27, 1878, Emma E. Little; res. in N. L.
2. Horace E., b. July 12, 1856; d. Jan. 30, 1858.
3. Sarah Luette, b. Nov. 28, 1857; m., Dec. 29, 1888, James W., son of John W. Bourlet of Concord; res. in Concord, where old friends and new find a cordial welcome at their pleasant home. No children.
4. Willie M., b. May 28, 1861; m., Oct. 24, 1891, Mary S. Stanley; res. in N. L.
5. Mary E., b. Oct. 14, 1865; m., Dec. 12, 1885, Fred O. Prescott; res. in N. L.

LANE, ALEXANDER. — David H. Lane, a sea-captain of Gloucester, Mass., had three children, two of whom became residents of N. L., — Ellen Francis, who m. George W. Everett [465], and Alexander, b. March 24, 1830, who m. Frances J., dau. of Moses Burpee [222]. Alexander was a shoemaker by trade, and res. in the cottage built for him by George Everett in 1855. In the Civil War he enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., was promoted to first sergeant, wounded at Petersburg, Va., July 30, 1864, and mustered out June 30, 1865. He is now a resident of Penacook, and is a cabinet-maker. Children :

1. Emma J., b. Aug. 19, 1852.
2. Charles W., b. Sept. 30, 1860; m., Jan. 18, 1888, Florence M.,



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dau. of A. A. Bunker, b. June 3, 1862; res. at Concord; railroad clerk.

3. Nellie I., b. Aug. 3, 1857; d. March 6, 1860.

4. Minnie I., b. Oct. 13, 1862.

5. Frank L., b. Nov. 30, 1868; m., May 1, 1896, Winnefred Etta, dau. of H. C. Bailey of Concord, b. Oct. 29, 1871; res. Concord; money-order clerk at the Concord postoffice.

Child:

(1). Chester Linward, b. May 5, 1898.

LANE, REV. HENRY F.—Rev. Henry F. Lane was b. in East Abington (now Rockland), Mass., March 13, 1825, and was converted at the age of fifteen. He graduated at Brown university in 1850, and spent one year at Newton; received his ordination as pastor of the church in N. L., in July, 1854, remaining here three years. His after pastorates were at Dorchester and Lawrence, Mass.; then as chaplain of the Third Massachusetts in 1863 and 1864; pastor at Portsmouth and at Malone, N. Y.; two years as secretary of the New York Baptist convention; pastor at Kingston and Worcester, Mass., until 1888, when he retired from active work and lived at Millis, Mass., supplying occasionally and enjoying his "studies in his quiet home." He d. at Medfield, Mass., May 9, 1897.

LITTLEFIELD, DEA. SETH.—The Littlefield family trace their descent from Edmund Littlefield, b. Tinchfield, England, in 1590. Edmund was a clothier, and had by his wife Annis, whom he m. about 1617, five sons and three daus. One of these sons, Francis (b. 1619, d. 1712), emigrated to America, and m. Jane Hill of Plymouth, Mass. Their son, Edmund (b. Wells, Me., 1650, d. Braintree, Mass., 1718), m. Elizabeth Mott, and had Edmund L. (b. 1692, d. 1717, in Braintree). Edmund L. m., Dec. 6, 1711, Bethiah Waldo, and left Daniel, b. Braintree, Oct. 13, 1712. Daniel m., in 1732, Rebecca, daughter of Josiah and Martha (Howard) Williams. He was a deacon, and d. in Easton, Mass., April 4, 1800, leaving twelve children. Seth, the seventh child, b. 1746, m., Feb. 11, 1771, Kezia, dau. of Ebenezer and Sarah (Howard) Ames, and lived in Easton. Seth was a soldier of the Revolution, and was in the last regiment that left Brooklyn Heights in the masterly evacuation under General Washington. Seth d. at Easton, May 1, 1839, leaving ten children, of whom the sixth was his

namesake, Seth, Jr., b. Jan. 12, 1781; m., Nov. 1, 1814, Sarah, dau. of Samuel and Experience (Thayer) Crane of Bradford, b. Oct. 11, 1789, and in February, 1815, removed from Easton, Mass., to Grantham. He was a deacon of the church, and a worthy man. Seth d. at Grantham, October, 1871; Sarah d. Feb. 22, 1864. The fourth of their eight children was another Seth, b. March 8, 1821; and this Seth, too, filled the office of deacon in the Congregational church. The oldest dau., Susan Shaw, b. Dec. 14, 1816, m. Joshua D. Hemphill [351], and d. in Grantham, Nov. 4, 1880. Daniel Littlefield, the oldest of the eight children, b. Aug. 21, 1815, taught several terms of school in N. L., at Burpee hill and Low Plain; afterwards graduated from Dartmouth, and was a successful teacher in New York; d. Sept. 9, 1856.

Dea. Seth Littlefield m., May 31, 1858, Sarah C., dau. of Ira and Mercy (Clement) Bragg, b. Croydon, July 3, 1830. Mrs. Littlefield's maternal grandfather was William Clement, a soldier of the Revolution, and first taxed in Croydon in 1806. The Braggs were an Ipswich (Mass.) family, settling later in Croydon. A younger brother of Mrs. Littlefield, Elmer Bragg, was a corporal in the Ninth N. H. V., and was greatly beloved by his comrades. He was wounded at Spottsylvania, taken prisoner, and after months of suffering and starvation was exchanged only a few days before his death. Deacon Littlefield res. in Croydon until Feb. 12, 1869, when he moved to his present home, which he bought of his brother-in-law, Joshua Hemphill. In these nearly thirty years of citizenship he has established an enviable reputation for strict integrity and upright living, a man whose judgments are based on sound convictions, the result of careful investigation and broad thinking. Both Mr. and Mrs. Littlefield are devoted workers in the church. Children:

1. Anna Maria, b. Croydon, Dec. 1, 1859; graduated from Colby academy, and from the Woman's Medical college of Pennsylvania, and is now in successful practice in N. L. Dr. Littlefield inherited her mother's artistic temperament, and before entering on her medical career was for a few years teacher of drawing and painting at Colby academy. She is an expert botanist, and has a remarkably complete collection of the flora of this region, with accompanying illustrations painted from nature. Withal, she has a tender, womanly



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nature, and in the sickroom is nurse and physician as well.

2. Ira Seth, b. N. L., Dec. 1, 1873; graduated from Colby academy, where he gave particular attention to preparation for his profession as a surveyor, a line of business in which he displays an especial aptitude.

LONGLEY, HENRY H.—Henry H. Longley, who d. at his home in Elkins, Nov. 11, 1895, was b. in Chittenden, Vt., Dec. 22, 1824, the son of Emery and Jerusha (Hartshorn) Longley. At the age of 19 he enlisted as a marine in the U. S. navy, and served nearly four years on the *Ohio*. He was in several engagements during the Mexican war; and again, in the Civil war, enlisted from Wilton, serving three years in Company C of the Eleventh N. H. V. He was wounded at the mine explosion, Petersburg, Va., and his son has a fragment of the blood-stained regimental flag that was so valiantly fought for in that fearful crater. In 1866 he moved his family to N. L., and for two years assisted his father-in-law, who was then superintendent at the town farm. In 1868 he purchased the Asa Haskins place at Scytheville, where his widow and son now res. Mr. Longley m., May 12, 1849, at Fitzwilliam, Martha M., dau. of Elhanan and Weltha (Lake) Preston, b. New Ipswich, Sept. 11, 1829. Children:

1. Charles Augustus, b. New Ipswich, Jan. 7, 1851; d. Aug. 17, 1853.
2. Fred E., b. Mason, July 25, 1852; is a seventh degree Granger, and secretary of Kearsarge grange at Wilmot for several years; can go but one step higher in the order of the Sons of Temperance; has taken a four years course in the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific circle, for which he holds a diploma. He is an enthusiastic horticulturist, has the best private collection of minerals in Merrimack county, is interested in scientific pursuits generally, and is a contributor to the *Popular Science News*, published at New York.
3. Lucy Emma, b. Wilton, 1854; d. Manchester, July 6, 1863.

LORDEN, DANIEL, DENNIS, MICHAEL, AND WILLIAM.—Between 1855 and 1866 four families of Lordens settled in N. L. They were industrious, and had comfortable homes, but before the end of this period had all removed from town. Daniel now res. at Lebanon, Dennis and Michael in Salisbury; these all m. in Ireland, before coming to America. William m. a sister

of Timothy Crowley, and now res. in Brazier, So. Lawrence county, N. Y. In the Catholic cemetery at Elkins are buried Margaret Lorden, d. July 11, 1859, aged 16 years; Michael Lorden, d. June 10, 1860, aged 23 years; "E. & M., children of D. & N. Lorden." Nellie, dau. of Dennis Lorden of Salisbury, m. Willie, oldest son of George W. F. Hayes [350]. John Lorden, b. Ireland, 1843, was one of the New London boys who went out with the Eleventh N. H. V.; was wounded at Fredericksburg and Spottsylvania, Va.; appointed corporal; mustered out, June 4, 1865; now res. in Salisbury. The late Michael Lorden of Salisbury, commissioner of Merrimack county, was a son of Michael Lorden of N. L. and Salisbury.

LOVERIN, JONATHAN L.—Jonathan Loverin, who res. on the Elder Seamans place a few years, removing thence to Tilton, where he is engaged in the livery-stable business, is the son of Jonathan Loverin, whose widow m. (2) Capt. Stephen Davis [340]. His wife is Roxana E., dau. of James and Mary (Dodge) Todd [388]. Children:

1. James Maitland, d. Feb. 4, 1871, aged 7 years.
2. Fred, m., and res. in Buffalo, N. Y.
3. Willie, d. May 29, 1872, aged 2 weeks.
4. Wenona D., res. at home.

MANAHAN, NEWTON.—Newton was the only one of the children of John Manahan [357] who retained a residence in N. L., and carried on the home place after the death of his parents. Diligent in his calling, kind-hearted and obliging, he was a man who made and retained friends. Newton d. May 7, 1888, and his widow now res. in the cottage on the Colby farm. Children:

1. Grace Helen, b. Aug. 27, 1852; m., Jan. 1, 1873, George P. Sholes; res. in N. L.
2. Cora, m. Eugene C. Derby; res. in N. L.
3. Lottie, m. Warren T. Lewis of Boston. Child:
(1). Harold, b. March 15, 1887.

McCONNELL, ROBERT.—Robert McConnell is the son of Stuart and Margaret (MacKinsey) McConnell of Tatamagoushe, Nova Scotia, b. May 17, 1832. His grandparents were Scottish emigrants, with the thrift and industry characteristic of that hardy people. Robert learned the saddler's trade at Truro, N. S., and Bangor, Me., and worked in Saco and Bid-

deford, Me., and Concord and Manchester, before settling in N. L. in 1861. Soon after coming here he joined the McCutchins Guards, and in August, 1862, laid aside his saddler's tools for the soldier's musket and bayonet. Enlisting in the Eleventh N. H. V., he was appointed corporal of Company F, and served with that regiment until his transfer to the Veteran Reserve Corps in March, 1864, receiving his discharge July 13, 1865, at Elmira, N. Y. Since the war he has been a member of the Messer Rifles, rising from sergeant to second lieutenant. He is a member of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., and has held every office but adjutant, serving as commander in 1890; also a member of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F. He is custom harness-maker for the country for twenty miles around, yet always ready to lend a helping hand to neighbor or friend in time of need. He m., Feb. 4, 1856, Margaret L., dau. of Sewall and Harriet (Woodman) Milliken of Scarborough, Me., b. June 12, 1831, both of her grandfathers being soldiers of the Revolution. Their large family of children were reared in habits of industry, and have reaped the reward that skilled intelligence always commands. Children:

1. George W., b. July 15, 1858; m. Clara E. Miller of Washington, Ill., and res. in Chicago, where he holds a responsible position in the shipping department of Dwinell, Wright & Co. Children: Jessie, Robert M.
2. Fanny Lillian, b. Aug. 19, 1860; head bookkeeper in the Boston office of Dwinell, Wright & Co.
3. Abba M., b. Jan. 3, 1863; a skilful modiste; res. at home.
4. Annie Cora, b. Sept. 29, 1865; res. in Providence, R. I.
5. Josie M., b. April 16, 1867; m., Aug. 9, 1893, Robert B., son of Robert and Maria McLane of Cambridge, Mass.; res. Cambridge, where Mr. McLane is a druggist. No children.
6. Blanche, b. Feb. 19, 1871; stenographer of Globe Savings bank, Chicago.
7. Angie M., b. July 29, 1874; res. at home.

McDOEL, JAMES. — In 1858, James McDoel of Goffstown bought of Samuel Gardner the original Joseph Messer farm on Morgan hill. James and his wife Lucinda, and his parents, William and Ellen E. McDoel, res. there several years.

McFARLAND, GEORGE R. — Jonathan McFarland (properly MacFarland), of Scottish parentage, from one of the small Highland tribes, was b. Oct. 12, 1801. He was a shipsmith

and blacksmith, and res. in Blue Hill, Me., where he d. Sept. 24, 1849. His wife, whom he m. Oct. 12, 1824, was Prudence Herrick (akin to the Herricks of N. L.), who bore him twelve children and d. Sept. 28, 1851. George Roswell, ninth child of Jonathan and Prudence, b. Aug. 14, 1842, came to N. L. from Lowell, Mass., in February, 1861, to attend the academy. When Captain Sargent visited N. L. on his recruiting tour for the First New Hampshire regiment, the name of George R. McFarland was the first enrolled from this town. He was mustered in May 2, 1861, for three months' service, and serving out the full term faithfully, was discharged Aug. 9, 1861. He then spent a year at the academy, but when the urgent call for more troops came he unhesitatingly obeyed. Re-enlisting in the Eleventh N. H. V., he was appointed corporal of Company F. In the battle of the Wilderness, May 6, 1864, Corporal McFarland was wounded, and was still in the hospital, May 13, 1865, when he received his discharge. He res. in Lowell, Mass., until September, 1866, then returned to N. L., and followed his trade as blacksmith in the Manning Seamans shop on Colby hill. In the spring of 1867 he bought of William S. Messer his place on Morgan hill, farmed for two years, and in the fall of 1869 sold to the present owner, Moses Messer, having purchased of Irwin Cate (brother-in-law of Charles S. Whitney) the Jesse Baker house and blacksmith shop at Scytheville. Here he res. until 1878, when he sold to Benjamin G. Everett and removed to Kansas, locating near the town of Eldorado. After two years of Western experience he returned to N. L., and entered the employ of the New London Scythe company. In the spring of 1883 he purchased the Isaac Bunker place on Pleasant street, where he has since res. He continued in the employ of the Scythe company for a few years, then resumed his trade as blacksmith in connection with his farming, and in late years has been very successful as a market-gardener. Warm-hearted, generous, and impulsive by nature, he has made many friends. Mr. McFarland m., May 9, 1861, Catharine Augusta, dau. of the Levi R. Nichols who afterwards lived in N. L. Mrs. McFarland was a tireless worker, devoted to her family, and zealous in all good causes. She d., after a brief illness, Nov. 6, 1897. Children :

1. Hubert Judson, b. May 11, 1869; graduated Colby academy; is a civil engineer; m., Dec. 23, 1890, Laura May, dau. of Reuben and Isabella Carver of Roxbury, Mass.; res. in Everett, Mass. Children:
(1). Helen Rae, b. Dec. 29, 1893.
(2). Vera May, b. May 19, 1897.
2. Nelson Bayard Nichols, b. July 15, 1871; m., July 4, 1894, Clara L. Pickard of Penacook; res. for a short time in the John J. Sargent house on Pleasant street, which he greatly improved, then removed to Penacook.

MESSER, ADELBERT.—Adelbert, younger of the surviving children of Jacob Messer [362], after his marriage res. on the Nathaniel Pettengill place on the stage road to Sutton. Upright in business, consistent in conduct, giving to the duties of citizenship thoughtful consideration and intelligent action, he in many respects occupies an enviable position in the esteem of his fellow-citizens. Mrs. Messer is the only dau. of Charles and Lydia (Messer) Crockett [457], and was educated at Colby academy. Children:

1. Ina Malora, b. April 16, 1873; frail in health from childhood, she has received her education chiefly at home, under her mother's supervision. She is an excellent botanist, and possesses fine musical and literary taste.
2. Anzell Crockett, b. Jan. 9, 1882; student at Colby academy.

MESSER, LIEUT. AUSTIN W.—Austin W., youngest son of Hon. Richard H. Messer [363], was employed in the scythe shops, and followed his father on the Austin Morgan place. He enlisted Aug. 9, 1862; was appointed first lieutenant of Company F, Eleventh N. H. V., Sept. 4, 1862. His health was very poor at the time he entered the service, and he was unable to endure the hardships of army life; was honorably discharged Sept. 29, 1862, and d. Nov. 14, 1880. Anzolette (Whitmore) Messer is the dau. of Clapp Sumner Whitmore, b. Lebanon, Oct. 11, 1841; since her husband's death has res. with Mrs. Adna S. Fowler. Their only child was,—

1. Lucy Imogen, b. Nov. 14, 1861; d. Oct. 3, 1862.

MESSER, BENJAMIN F.—Benjamin, youngest son of Timothy and Phebe (Dow) Messer [266], res. after his marriage in the John Messer house on the road from Burpee hill to Otterville; then sold to William Mills and removed to Suncook. He enlisted Aug. 19, 1862, in the Tenth N. H. V., and d. at Suffolk,

Va., March 20, 1863. Celinda (Wallis) Messer res. with her children at Hill, where she d. March 3, 1887. Children:

1. Charlie V., b. N. L., Sept. 27, 1857; d. Hill, Aug. 16, 1882.
2. Walter B., b. Suncook, April 5, 1860; m., Oct. 20, 1888, Sadie R. Ash, and res. at Hill. Children: Charlie V., Mary M.
3. Frankie B., b. Suncook, May 30, 1863; d. July 20, 1866.

MESSER, DEA. EDWIN F.—One of the most respected and influential citizens of the present generation is Edwin Francis Messer, oldest son of Jacob Messer [362], who has inherited in large measure the family traits of self-reliance and determination. He res. for a few years after his marriage in the Perley house, opposite his present dwelling, to which he removed in 1871. Always thrifty and industrious, and blessed with a most capable wife and helpful children, he has made the "Pleasant View" a truly hospitable home for summer guests, and to-day owns one of the best residences and farms in the town. He was chosen a deacon of the church Dec. 3, 1882. Children:

1. Laura Angie, b. Dec. 17, 1866; d. April 22, 1897. Hers was a beautiful Christian life, devoted to the service of those she loved; her death was the only grief she ever caused.
2. Lizzie E., b. May 17, 1868; res. at home.
3. Herman P., b. Aug. 14, 1869; res. at home.
4. Elmer F., b. Aug. 30, 1874; res. at home.
5. Mary A., b. Sept. 10, 1876; member of the class of 1899, Colby academy.
6. Jennie B., b. Dec. 16, 1879; member of the class of 1899, Colby academy.
7. Charles S., b. Oct. 17, 1881; student at Colby academy.

MESSER, FRANCIS P.—A good son, a faithful soldier, a kind husband and father, and a reliable citizen, is the record made by Francis P. Messer, the son of Enoch and Salome (Woodward) Messer [361]. He enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., and served till the close of the war; then married and took up his residence on the homestead. With the development of the summer guest business this location became a favorite one, and the "Maple Grove House" now bears little resemblance to the original dwelling. Mr. Messer is a member of the Messer Rifles, of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., and the New London grange. He is superintendent of the Otterville Sunday school, and a leading supporter in the religious services. In

all his undertakings he has the cordial co-operation of a devoted wife, and the loving service of his children, and is happiest in his home life. Mrs. Messer is a dau. of the third John Williams [399]. Children :

1. Alice E., b. Feb. 19, 1867 ; m., Feb. 18, 1893, George Hayes, and res. in N. L.
2. Elmie M., b. Feb. 4, 1869 ; m., Oct. 4, 1887, Lewis S. Brisbin ; res. in N. L.
3. Gertrude E., b. April 14, 1871.
4. Flora D., b. Nov. 12, 1877.
5. Harold E., b. Aug. 13, 1889.

MESSER, JOHN M.—John, oldest son of Enoch Messer [361], followed William Mills in the cottage on the Otterville road now occupied by his widow. Like so many others of his name and blood, he enlisted in the Eleventh regiment, and was mustered out, June 4, 1865, as corporal. His health was seriously injured by the hardships of army life, and after years of weakness and suffering he passed away Dec. 13, 1895. No children were born to him, and his widow with her sister Ruth res. alone on the farm.

MESSER, JOSEPH C.—Joseph Colby was the son of Isaac and Martha (Stevens) Messer [263]. He was popular as a school-master, teaching in N. L., Hancock, and elsewhere, and had considerable success as an elocutionist and lecturer. After his marriage he was employed in the scythe shops, and res. at Scytheville. He d. May 6, 1860. Maria (Bunker) Messer, dau. of Isaac Bunker [330], now occupies a pleasant residence near the Four Corners, New London hill. Children :

1. Adelaide M., b. Aug. 1, 1852 ; m., Jan. 13, 1879, Moses A. Fellows ; res. in N. L.
2. Isabelle A., b. Nov. 12, 1856 ; m., Jan. 2, 1877, Herman A., son of Oliver Russell of N. L.
3. Josephine H., b. Dec. 8, 1869 ; d. Aug. 12, 1870.

MESSER, JOSEPH H. — Joseph H. Messer, a lifelong resident of this town, and a prosperous and worthy citizen, is the oldest son of Samuel and Thirza (Battles) Messer [265]. Thrifty and industrious, frank in manner, sincere in word and deed, a true friend and genuine neighbor, he is a credit to the family name. His first wife, Celista, dau. of Stephen and Miriam Whittier [285], bore him two children, and d. Nov. 8, 1858.

He m. (2) Judith, younger sister of Celista, and they occupy the Whittier homestead. Children :

1. Ella M., b. May 14, 1853 ; d. Sept. 14, 1876. Amiable in disposition, and estimable in conduct, she was beloved by all who knew her.
2. Lottie E., b. May 12, 1854 ; d. May 24, 1854.
3. Bertie H., b. May 10, 1863 ; d. Jan. 17, 1872.

An adopted son, Everett, m. Emma J., dau. of Moses Messer, and res. in N. L.

MESSER, MOSES. — Moses Messer is a descendant of another branch of the family than the other New London Messers, and is a son of the Isaac Messer who in the succeeding period res. in N. L. on Burpee hill. In 1869, Moses bought of George McFarland the farm on Morgan hill where he has since lived. He is a man of reserved temperament and thrifty habits, and has acquired a snug property with the aid of his provident wife, whom he m. Dec. 31, 1865. Sylvia J. (Lang) Messer is the dau. of William Lang, a brickmaker of Goshen, where Moses res. before coming to N. L. Children :

1. Emma Jane, b. December, 1867 ; m., March 5, 1887, Everett Messer, and res. in N. L.
2. Harvey Almon, b. January, 1877 ; d. Sept. 4, 1881.

MESSER, NATHANIEL. — One of the staunch and true men who have helped to maintain the high standard of citizenship set by the early fathers of the town, is Nathaniel, youngest son of Isaac Messer [263], and grandson of the pioneer Nathaniel. Broad-minded and progressive in matters of public welfare, diligent and careful for his own, he has been a worthy example to a family of boys that are a credit to their parents and the community. The little cottage on the Otterville road where this thrifty couple began their married life has been greatly enlarged and improved within a few years, and is a popular house with summer guests, who appreciate the home comforts and attractive surroundings. Children :

1. Alfred Jay, b. Aug. 11, 1857 ; m., Oct. 10, 1887, Mrs. Ellen (Bailey) French ; res. in N. L.
2. Elmer Gay, b. Nov. 14, 1858 ; res. at home.
3. Eli Davis, b. Aug 6, 1860 ; m. Annie Perkins of Andover, where they res. Child :
(1). Willie N., b. March 29, 1894.
4. Morton Page, b. Feb. 14, 1863 ; res. at home.
5. Oliver Manley, b. Feb. 14, 1873 ; res. at home.

MESSER, RICHARD OREN.—The oldest son of Hon. Richard H. Messer [363] in many respects strongly resembled his distinguished father. Kind-hearted, generous, devoted to his family, true to his friends, he was a man of rare worth and ability, who left the world better for his having lived in it. In business he was his father's trusted assistant in the works at Scytheville, acted as travelling salesman for the company, and for twenty-five years had charge of the shipping department and the teaming to Potter Place. He was a member of King Solomon's lodge and of Mt. Horeb Commandery at Concord. Oren Messer d. June 16, 1896, sincerely mourned in the community where he had lived from his boyhood days. (The mother of Richard Oren Messer, Sally (Spaulding) Messer, was the dau. of Ira and Joanna Spaulding of Chelmsford, Mass., b. March 6, 1806, and of the seventh generation from Edward Spaulding, who came from England about 1630 and after brief settlement elsewhere was one of the petitioners to the General Court of Massachusetts Bay for the settlement of Chelmsford. These facts were obtained through the courtesy of Miss Mary Drew of Lowell, Mass., niece of Mrs. Messer, too late for insertion in their proper place.) Emily (Todd) Messer, dau. of Robert Todd [390], is a resident of Elkins, and her home is one of the pleasantest in the village. She has musical talent of a high order, and her voice, a soprano of remarkable range and purity, made her a valued member of the church choir, where she sang for many years. Children :

1. Lura F., b. Feb. 18, 1856; m. (1), Feb. 19, 1880, Mark Fiske; m. (2), Oct. 1, 1884, Edward C. Mead, and res. at Everett, Mass., where Mr. Mead is a contractor and builder.
2. Charlotte W., b. Nov. 13, 1861; m., June 11, 1890, Edward T., son of Thomas and Lucinda (Graves) Bartlett of Somerville, Mass., where they res. Mr. Bartlett held a responsible position with one of the largest musical firms in Boston, and through over-devotion to business developed a disease which soon ended a most promising career. He d. at Elkins, Oct. 26, 1896.

MESSER, MAJ. WILLIAM A.—The youngest son of Samuel and Thirza (Battles) Messer [265] had not quite attained his majority when he consummated two important acts. On the eleventh day of August, 1862, he enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V.; and nine days later he m. Mary H., dau. of Levi Nichols, a

girlish wife who bravely bade her soldier husband Godspeed. Her trusting faith never faltered in the long years of anxious waiting till the war was over, and her native tact and energy have had no small influence in the prosperity that has come to them in the passing of time. The young soldier did daily duty with his regiment until they reached Bristoe Station, Va., when he was detailed as one of the guard at General Potter's headquarters, a dangerous and responsible post which was kept faithfully. He was mustered out June 4, 1865, and for a year worked in the scythe shops; then began farming on Morgan hill. In 1878 he bought his present farm, one of the choicest of locations at the head of Lake Pleasant, and in the annals of the summer guest industry "Red Gables" holds a prominent place. In April, 1882, Major Messer was appointed to his present position of railway postal clerk. Major Messer joined the Messer Rifles at the time of its organization, was appointed corporal, reached the position of captain in 1878, and held that office until his appointment as major of the Third regiment, under Col. True M. Sanborn. He was the first commander of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., in 1886 was assistant inspector-general on the staff of Commander-in-Chief Lucius Fairchild, and has held important positions on the staff of the department commanders of New Hampshire. He is also a member of the several local secret societies. Children:

1. Clara B., b. June 10, 1866; m., June 10, 1891, George Thurston; res. at Elkins.
2. Myrtie K., b. Oct. 22, 1869; m., Sept. 1, 1894, Leroy, son of Charles Cochran of Orford; res. in Concord.
3. Evarts W., b. March 3, 1872; m., April 7, 1897, Gertrude C. Hoyt; res. in N. L.
4. Harry L., b. July 14, 1879; graduate of commercial department, Colby academy, 1897.

MESSER, WILLIAM S.—William S. was the second son of Timothy Messer [266], and like his brother Stephen became one of the substantial citizens of his native town. He was a carpenter by trade, with a "knack" at odd jobs that made his little shop a popular resort for general repairs. Thrift and patient toil brought him a modest competency, and he asked no more of fortune. In 1867 he removed from his farm on Morgan hill to the village, having purchased the Marcus Sargent house,



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where he res. until his death, Oct. 16, 1897, after months of patient suffering. His first wife, Feronia (Fisher) Messer, sister of George Fisher [468], d. March 30, 1863, leaving a month-old infant. William m. (2), Oct. 7, 1863, Mrs. Nancy (Gross) Lovering of Springfield, dau. of Marden Gross of N. L. and widow of Moses Harvey Lovering. Since Mr. Messer's decease his widow has res. in Franklin. Mr. Messer's only child was,—

1. Irving Seth, b. Feb. 23, 1863; m., June 30, 1898, Sarah, dau. of Capt. A. J. Sargent; res. in Newton, Mass.

MILLS, WILLIAM A.—One of the New London soldiers whose life was sacrificed in the Civil War was William A. Mills, son of Hezekiah Mills [364]. He res. for a time in the Samuel Messer house on Morgan hill, and later near Otterville, on the John Messer place, where his wife, Phebe (Messer) Mills, dau. of Enoch and Betsey (Morgan) Messer [361], d. Dec. 27, 1851. William remained in N. L. until he enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 29, 1862. Five months later, Jan. 29, 1863, he d. of measles at Fredericksburg, Va. Child:

1. Alamando, b. Dec. 6, 1850; res. in Grantham, and is m.

MITCHELL, ELBRIDGE F.—Elbridge Mitchell came from Hillsborough to N. L. in 1863, and res. on the Preston place at Davis hill. By his first wife he had Albert, James, and Joseph, and Sarah, who m. Freeman, son of Robert Fulton [473]. He m. (2) a Mrs. Jaquith, whose dau. Jennie, by a former marriage, res. with them until she m. Harvey Brown of Bradford.

MORGAN, ARTHUR M.—Arthur M., oldest son of James and Salana (Ide) Morgan [365], res. on the homestead with his father, whom he resembled strongly in character and disposition. Arthur d. Sept. 14, 1886, and his widow now res. in Danbury. Child:

1. May, b. Dec. 24, 1866; d. Jan. 29, 1867.

MORGAN, AUSTIN.—New London's largest landholder is Austin Morgan, son of Obediah and grandson of John Morgan, Jr. [130]. His early home was on King's hill, Sutton, and he first paid taxes in N. L. in 1870, when he lived on the Ira Smith place at Low Plain. Later he removed to the handsome dwelling built by Hon. R. H. Messer, where he

has since res. Year after year he has toiled early and late, until he is by far the wealthiest farmer the town has ever known. He now owns "some over a thousand acres," about 300 being outside of N. L. With 150 acres under cultivation, his barns and storehouses have overflowed, and within a few years he has built the largest barn in town, 120 x 44, with an addition 75 x 42. His stock is always of the best, and he "winters" about a hundred head of cattle and seventy-five sheep. His wife, Mary (Fellows) Morgan, was an able coadjutor in all his plans, and an indefatigable worker. She d. Dec. 24, 1887, aged 39 years, 3 months, 25 days. Blessed with a family of children as energetic and purposeful as himself, Mr. Morgan is amply able to manage his large affairs. Children:

1. Lucy A., b. July 29, 1869.
2. George G., b. Nov. 18, 1871.
3. Walter H., b. March 10, 1874.
4. Charles A., b. May 6, 1879.
5. Lizzie E., b. Nov. 11, 1881.
6. Unnamed dau., b. Nov. 22, 1887; d. Nov. 29, 1887.

MORGAN, BELDEN.—Belden, son of William Morgan [271], is the present owner of the fine farm where his great-grandfather, Capt. John Morgan, settled more than a century ago. A willow switch brought from his Massachusetts home served Captain Morgan as a riding-stick on the wearisome journey to the new town, and when the "bounds" between his own land and his son John's were determined, he set the willow twig to mark the line. Such is the bit of history attaching to the massive willow tree that still stands by the road southwest of the Morgan farm, and divides it from the Edward A. Todd place. To-day the broad acres are as carefully tilled as of yore, and the roof-tree shelters the thrifty descendants in the fourth and fifth generations of the provident sea-captain. This is one of the few farms that have been handed down in unbroken descent from the pioneer owner. The children of Belden and Susan (Merrill) Morgan are,—

1. Flora, b. Sept. 26, 1859; m., March 18, 1884, James B. Richards of Sutton.
2. Fred S., b. Nov. 16, 1861; unmarried; res. at home.
3. John K., b. April 9, 1865; unmarried; res. at home.

MORGAN, HORACE.—Horace Morgan, son of James and grandson of John Morgan, Jr. [130], was b. in Sutton, May 26, 1812. He was a resident of N. L. from 1836 to 1840, and again in the '50s and '60s. James Morgan d. in N. L., July 2, 1857. Horace owned the old house east of the cemetery, and sold to Edmund Davis on his removal to Franklin.

MORRILL, EPHRAIM.—Ephraim Morrill, son of Richard and Mary (Bagley) Morrill of Warner and a brother of Mrs. Asa Gay [346], removed from Concord to N. L. about 1857, and built the house now owned by William Hunt at Low Plain. He res. here several years, then removed to the West, and is now deceased. His first wife was Miss Lamprey of Concord; m. a second time in the West, and had a dau. Ida. Child by first wife :

1. Charles H., b. Concord, 1842; enlisted Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 9, 1862, and served as musician till the muster-out June 4, 1865; res. in Lincoln, Neb., and is superintendent of regents in Nebraska university; m. Hattie Currier of Hermon.

MORSE, ALBERT.—Along in the '50s Albert Morse res. with his widowed mother at Davis hill, on the lot now vacant and owned by Mrs. A. W. Fletcher of New York. Later his mother m. Robert Fulton [473], and he removed to Manchester, where he d. unmarried.

NELSON, JAMES MADISON.—Madison Nelson, who followed Abel Hobbs in the Waite cottage on the Sutton stage road, was a grandson of Asa Nelson, an early settler of Sutton, and the son of Dea. Asa and Elizabeth (Wadleigh) Nelson, b. July 19, 1825. His sister Miriam m. Edmund J. Ring [376], his brother Marcus (or Mark) became a prominent citizen of N. L., his sister Abigail m. Eli P. Todd [387], and another brother, Thomas, m. Hannah Burpee, a granddaughter of Lieut. Thomas Burpee [79]. Madison Nelson m., March 16, 1854, Sarah A., dau. of Moses and Mary (Savary) Simons of Newbury, and after a few years' residence in this town they removed to Enfield. They had no children.

NELSON, MARK.—As one of the solid business men of the town, and as a worthy citizen in every respect, Mark Nelson's record may be regarded by his family and friends with honest pride. Caring little for political honors, he performed his duties as a citizen with characteristic straightforwardness,

and was ever ready to lend a hand in any worthy enterprise. For many years he was the partner of Gen. Luther McCutchins in the old Colby store on New London hill, and not long before his decease shared with him in giving to the town the clock in the church belfry. He was the son of Dea. Asa and Elizabeth (Wadleigh) Nelson of Sutton, b. Nov. 21, 1818. He m., Sept. 12, 1844, Lucy J. Fifield of Andover, b. Aug. 1, 1826, and res. in Canaan before coming to N. L. in 1857. For several years he lived on the Shepard farm at Low Plain, then removed to the pleasant home near the Four Corners where his last days were passed in well-earned comfort. He d. May 29, 1884, and his widow occupied the house until it was burned Feb. 8, 1889. Since that time Mrs. Nelson has made her home chiefly with her younger dau., and spends the summers in N. L. Children :

1. Lucia, b. Oct. 10, 1845; m., Nov. 9, 1863, James E. Shepard; res. in N. L.
2. Ellen, b. Aug. 20, 1851; m., Dec. 28, 1875, George A. Watts of Charlestown, Mass.; res. Somerville, Mass. Child : (1). Alice, b. Sept. 24, 1876.

NICHOLS, LEVI R.—Levi R. Nichols, who m. Catherine, dau. of Reuben Fellows [244], took up his residence in N. L. in 1862, and lived for ten years on Morgan hill before removing to the home of his son-in-law, Maj. W. A. Messer, where he d. July 9, 1877. He was a native of New Hampton, b. 1812, the son of William Nichols, and after his marriage in 1837 res. in New Hampton, Penacook, Dracut, Mass., and Warner, moving from the latter place to N. L. According to the "History of Salisbury" the father of Mrs. Nichols, Reuben Fellows, was a native of that town, b. May 4, 1792, the son of Daniel and Susan (Stephens) Fellows. Traditionally Reuben was "the strongest man in the state." He was a soldier in the War of 1812. His last years were spent with his son John, in Jackson, Mich. Mrs. Nichols, who m. (2) Hyman Rowe, is still living in Newbury, and remarkably active and capable. Children :

1. Catherine Augusta, b. Jan. 21, 1838; m., May 9, 1861, George R. McFarland [501].
2. Maria A., b. Nov. 22, 1839; m. Sept. 13, 1860, Royal Augustus Bunker [449].

3. Mary H., b. April 18, 1844; m., Aug. 20, 1862, William A. Messer [507].
4. Sarah J., m. Corbin Bartlett, and res. in Newbury. Children : Frank G., Charles, Leander.
5. Nelson B., b. May 2, 1858; d. August, 1861.

NYE, NEWELL J.—Newell J. Nye, b. Hartland, Vt., Feb. 12, 1824, who m. Margaret Jane, dau. of Capt. William Clark [227], was a harness-maker by trade, and removed to Sutton about 1860. He served in the Eleventh N. H. V., and d. in Sutton, March 15, 1878. Margaret d. N. L., in the Merrill Robie house, May 6, 1856, and Newell m. (2), Nov. 26, 1857, Marian Harvey, dau. of Joseph and Hannah (Kesar) Greeley of Sutton, who d. May 15, 1865. His third wife, who survived him, was Mrs. Sarah (Ainsworth) Carleton of Vermont. Children :

1. Ellen M., b. July 16, 1851; d. Sept. 8, 1865.
2. William C., b. June 15, 1853; m., June 30, 1874, Mary E. Adams; res. in N. L.
3. Minnie H., b. Aug. 13, 1860.

PAGE, ANTHONY S.—Anthony S., son of John Page, Jr. [369], after his marriage res. for several years on the Robert Davis place in the West Part, then removed to Newport. His wife was the dau. of Benjamin and Martha (Davis) Cross of Springfield and granddaughter of Josiah Davis [90], b. Sept. 23, 1833. Children :

1. Orison W., b. May 15, 1852; m., Sept. 5, 1877, Jael M. Fletcher of Cornish.
2. John M., b. May 25, 1855.

PARKER, N. ADDISON.—Addison, son of Amos Parker [370], was saw-miller at Otterville late in the '60s, and afterwards was at Wilmot. It is said of him that "he was a man whose measurements everybody was willing to accept." Augusta (Wood) Parker is the granddaughter of John Wood [400] by his son Amaziah. A few years since the family removed to Concord, but are frequent visitors at their former home. Children :

1. Herbert E., b. Oct. 26, 1867; m. Nellie, only child of Russel Pillsbury of Wilmot; res. in Concord.
2. Clinton E., b. May 21, 1871; res. at home.

PERLEY, MRS. ELIZA.—Mrs. Eliza Perley, widow of Benjamin Perley, who d. in Springfield, May 17, 1868, was a resident of N. L. after that date, and for several years owned and occupied the Moses Adams place, which she bought of her son-in-law, Dea. Edwin F. Messer [504]. Benjamin was b. June 29, 1802, the son of Paul and Sally (Story) Perley, and grandson of Benjamin and Apphia Perley. He was also a nephew of Mrs. Asa Burpee [78] and of Mrs. Stephen Sargent [144]. Benjamin's sister Betsey, b. March 25, 1800, m. Benjamin Bunker, Jr. [220]; another sister, Mary Ann, b. March 2, 1815, m. Samuel Quimby of Springfield, a cousin of Timothy H. Quimby, and had three children, of whom Amanda m. Charles McDaniel of Springfield. His first wife was Hannah, dau. of Moses Adams [69], who d. July 8, 1841. He m. (2) Mrs. Eliza (Gage) Collins, who d. Dec. 24, 1881, aged 72 years. Since Mrs. Perley's death the cottage has been occupied by her dau. Abby. Children of Benjamin Perley :

1. Cyrus, d. young.
2. Adelphia, m. Erastus Rollins, and res. in Mexico.
3. Mary Augusta, m. Edwin F. Messer [504].
4. Abby E., m. George W. Tilton; res. in N. L.

PETTENGILL, NATHANIEL.—Nathaniel Pettengill, who m. Priscilla, dau. of Daniel F. Hobbs [353], built the Adelbert Messer house and res. there several years. The family removed to Londonderry, where Nathaniel's widow and son were living a few years since.

PHILLIPS, CHARLES C.—Charles C., older son of Joseph E. Phillips [372], was b. after the family's removal to Scytheville, and grew up in the midst of its busy hum of industry. In 1869 he succeeded to half of his father's interest in the business, and gave to it his best energies. Since the closing of the works he has res. in Antrim. Emily (Peaslee) Phillips is a dau. of Thomas Peaslee of Wilmot, b. July 21, 1837.

PHILLIPS, REV. LEWIS W.—Among the skilled workmen at Scytheville in the earlier years of its history were two brothers of Joseph E. Phillips, James R. and Lewis, both of whom later were ordained to ministerial work. James R. was b. in Boston, Mass., Sept. 3, 1817; m., May 7, 1840, Julia A., dau. of Obediah and Abigail (Towle) Prescott of Wilmot,

b. 1823, and had two children. He was ordained to the ministry in 1852, and is now stationed at York, Me. Rev. Lewis Phillips, b. Fitchburg, Mass., Sept. 17, 1822, was also ordained in 1852, by the Vermont Eastern conference, and became a leading spirit in Christian and church work. He was pastor of churches in Exeter, Marlow, Hill, Rye, Wolfeborough, and Kittery, Me., and in all the above pastorates is remembered for his faithful services and rare preaching gift. Besides serving as pastor he labored quite extensively, especially in his younger days, as an evangelist, a service for which he was remarkably well adapted. At the breaking out of the Civil War he enlisted as a member of Company C, First battalion Maine volunteers, but for most of the time was on duty as Division headquarters chaplain, at Darlington, S. C. Nov. 11, 1847, he m. Sarah, dau. of Greeley Cross [339]. Sarah d. at Kittery, Me., Dec. 22, 1867, and he m. (2) Mrs. Lydia A. Young. He d. at Somerset, Mass., July 31, 1897, and both he and his first wife are buried in the Phillips lot in the Elkins cemetery. Their only dau., S. Ada, b. Woodstock, Vt., May 10, 1851, m., in 1896, Henry Shaw of Wolfeborough. Both sons entered the ministry. Richard Edwin, b. Hill, 1858, m., in 1886, Annabelle Marden. He was ordained in 1888, and is now preaching at Somerset, Mass. Rev. Lewis Walter Phillips, b. Woodstock, Vt., Aug. 23, 1848, was ordained in 1877, and is now pastor of the Christian church at Franklin. For two years he conducted religious services at Scytheville, after Mechanics' hall was completed, and was very successful in his work. He m., in 1868, Josie M., dau. of Col. John A. Hardy of Wilmot. Children:

1. John Lewis, b. Wilmot, May 5, 1869; graduated Dartmouth college in 1894, and has been an instructor in the Latin department of Phillips-Andover academy since that date; m., July 6, 1898, Bertha Louise, dau. of Albert S. Manning of Andover, Mass.
2. Charles Walter, b. Scytheville, Oct. 10, 1872; d. Wolfeborough, July 4, 1890.
3. Ada Josie, b. Scytheville, March 23, 1876; m., 1896, Ira Jackman of Tilton.
4. Helen B., b. Rye, 1886.
5. Jennie H., b. Rye, 1888.

PHILLIPS, J. SHERMAN.—The younger son of Joseph E. Phillips [372] shared with his older brother the burdens and responsibilities of the business left them by their father. One of the prettiest places in Scytheville is the house built by Sherman Phillips for his own occupancy. He remained in Scytheville for a little time after the works were closed in 1889, and now res. in Collinsville, Conn. His first wife, Kate (Peaslee) Phillips, d. May 14, 1881, aged 29 years. He m. (2) Mary A., dau. of Luther Eames of South Framingham, Mass. Children:

1. Edgar S., b. Oct. 22, 1884; d. Dec. 4, 1885.
2. Sidney E.
3. Stella.

PIERCE, LEVI.—Established as a physician (homeopathic) in N. L. from 1861 to 1864. Built the Marshall Fales house.

PINGREE, CHARLES C.—After the death of Jeremiah Pingree, Jr. [275], the homestead was occupied jointly by his sons Nathan and Charles Cummings, until the latter's marriage, when Nathan removed his family to the Ezekiel Knowlton house on Pleasant street. Charles remained on the Pingree farm, which has been his life-long home, except a few months in earliest infancy. He is a good citizen, and an honest, kindly, hardworking man, respected by his fellow-men for his real worth of character. Isabel (Sargent) Pingree was the dau. of Sylvanus Sargent [382], and d. May 28, 1883. Child:

1. Annie M., b. Aug. 23, 1862; m., Dec. 20, 1885, James F. Hayes; res. in N. L.

PINGREE, NATHAN D.—In 1860, Nathan Pingree, oldest son of Jeremiah Pingree, Jr. [275], established his family on the ancestral farm of seventy-five acres originally acquired by the pioneer Jeremiah, increased by the twenty acres which had been owned by Ezekiel Knowlton (1) [118]. Here he lived for twenty-eight years, a careful, painstaking, industrious farmer, and an intelligent, trustworthy, and honorable citizen. His opportunities were limited, but he always improved them to the utmost, did what he saw as duty fearlessly, and filled with honor the positions of trust to which he was elected by his fellow-citizens. Nathan d. July 12, 1888. His wife, Mary (Sargent) Pingree, was the dau. of Stephen Sar-



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gent [280], and a gentlewoman in the truest sense of the word, one whose life path was marked to the end by generous, kindly deeds. She d. Dec. 3, 1890. Children:

1. Martha Lucretia, b. Aug. 29, 1853; m., Dec. 26, 1894, Charles F. Putney; res. in N. L.
2. Francis S., b. Sept. 25, 1856; d. July 10, 1871.
3. John Dole, b. April 14, 1858; m., Feb. 6, 1896, Mary Elizabeth Waterman; res. in N. L.
4. Ransom Clark, b. Aug. 17, 1860; res. at home. To his well-stored mind, and carefully preserved files of historical papers and documents, the readers of this volume are indebted for many facts, dates, and names that have given interest and completeness to otherwise meagre records.

PINGREE, WALTER E.—Among the gallant soldiers that went out from this town in the Civil War was Walter E. Pingree, grandson of Asa Pingree [274]. He enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., was wounded at Spottsylvania, Va., May 12, 1864, and served until the muster-out in June, 1865. Since that date he has res. on the Asa Pingree farm, and like all of his name is an industrious worker. He m. (1), Feb. 21, 1867, Mary E. Kempton of Springfield; m. (2), March 2, 1881, Mrs. Nancy (Prescott) Corey, dau. of Josiah and Eunice (Messer) Prescott of Wilmot and granddaughter of Samuel Prescott [134], b. May 26, 1842. His only child is,—

1. Elwin, b. March 12, 1870; m. Delia Odette; res. in N. L.

PRESCOTT, JOHN T.—John T. Prescott, son of Jonathan and grandson of Samuel Prescott [134], who m. Dolly Emerson of Wilmot, came to N. L. in 1853. He res. on the Austin Goings and J. D. Prescott farms, removed to Hanover, thence to Orford and Wilmot, where he d. Jan. 20, 1893. Children:

1. Alfred Scribner, b. May 16, 1839; d. Oct. 22, 1855.
2. Minerva, b. Feb. 12, 1841.
3. Rufus Daniel, b. June 23, 1844.
4. Charles A. } twins,
5. Rhoda A. } b. March, 1848.
6. Hiram D., b. Nov. 1, 1849.
7. John True, b. April, 1853.
8. Moses H., b. Jan. 1, 1855.

PRESCOTT, WILLIAM L.—The Lorenzo Prescott place on the "back road" to Wilmot was owned by William Prescott

from 1857 until his death, Sept. 12, 1870. Mrs. Prescott d. April 9, 1875. Their son, Lorenzo, b. 1851, has since carried on the farm. They are not connected with the other Prescott families so far as known.

PRESTON, ALBERT W.—Albert Preston res. on the farm at Davis hill formerly occupied by Albert Morse, settling there about 1865. His wife was Jeanette Barrows of Vermont. During their residence here a son, Harvey, was born to them, and he is now living in Lawrence, Mass.

PRESTON, AUGUSTUS E.—Augustus, only surviving son of Elhanan Preston below, became a sailor at 19, and for three years was on the whaling ship *Nassau* in the Pacific ocean. He came to N. L. in 1863, and has since followed the occupations of farmer and stonecutter, being a skilful workman at the latter trade, and res. on Davis hill. Betsey Ann (Messer) Preston is the dau. of Enoch and Eliza (Chapin) Messer [361]. Children:

1. Ida Lizzie, b. Oct. 3, 1858; m. (1), 1880, Frank Robie of Springfield (nephew of Merrill Robie), who d. March 15, 1882, aged 29 years; m. (2) Charles H. Gage of Bedford, where they res.
2. Irving F., b. July 7, 1861; res. at home.
3. Ralph W., b. January, 1869; m., Oct. 16, 1896, Emmeline C. Philbrick; res. in N. L.
4. Berton Seth, b. Oct. 31, 1874; m., Oct. 6, 1897, Elizabeth Regan; res. in N. L.
5. Florence Mae, b. Nov. 12, 1878; d. Oct. 13, 1896. An earnest student at Colby academy, a loving, helpful daughter and sister, a sunny-hearted, active Christian, her early and sudden death brought sorrow to many hearts.

PRESTON, ELHANAN W.—The Preston families who settled in N. L. during the '60s were descendants of the Prestons of New Ipswich, where the first of the name, Dr. John Preston, settled in 1760. Dr. John was the son of Capt. Samuel Preston of Littleton, Mass., and served in his father's company in the French war of 1756, Captain Samuel being a descendant of John of Andover, Mass., where the family was established as early as 1672. Elhanan Winchester Preston, son of Isaac, was b. March 7, 1798; m., Oct. 8, 1818, Weltha, dau. of Dean Lake of Livingston, R. I., b. Aug. 22, 1798. For twelve years

previous to coming to N. L., Elhanan was watchman in the Manchester mills. He came here in the spring of 1864, res. for a short time at Otterville, then for two years was in charge of the poor-farm, and finally bought of Michael Lorden the place at Hominy Pot now occupied by Alston Brown, who bought of the Preston heirs. Elhanan was a stone-mason by trade, and a hard worker. In the spring of 1875 he was trimming apple trees, when the stone wall on which he was standing fell, throwing him backwards. He was injured internally, and d., after five days of intense suffering, April 20, 1875. Weltha (Lake) Preston d. at the home of her dau., Mrs. Longley, July 6, 1893, shortly before her 95th birthday. Children :

1. Alvord D., b. Sept. 11, 1819; d. Aug. 11, 1821.
2. Maria, b. May 16, 1822; d. scarlet fever Jan. 14, 1828.
3. Martha, b. July 3, 1824; d. scarlet fever Jan. 19, 1828.
4. Melissa, b. July 5, 1827; d. June 1, 1832.
5. Martha M., b. Sept. 11, 1829; m., May 12, 1849, Henry H. Longley [499].
6. Augustus E., b. April 19, 1834; m., Dec. 19, 1856, Betsey Ann Messer; res. in N. L.
7. Lucy R., b. Dec. 19, 1836; d. Dec. 8, 1854.

PUTNEY, EBENEZER SARGENT.—Sargent Putney, oldest son of Joseph Putney [276], res. until his latest years on his farm at the foot of Morgan hill, part of which came to him from his father and the remainder by purchase. He was a straightforward, guileless man, of a decidedly religious disposition, and with strong convictions of duty. With the decease and removal of his children the farm was given up, and his last years were passed at Sutton, near his only surviving child, Mrs. Felch, where he d. March, 1894. Ruth (Nichols) Putney, b. July 4, 1819, is still living at Sutton. Children :

1. Henrietta W., b. Oct. 20, 1853; m., Aug. 17, 1876, Rev. Joseph H. Trow, a Methodist minister; d. May 11, 1877.
2. Laura N., b. May 21, 1855; d. May 18, 1874.
3. Mary A., b. Feb. 6, 1857; d. April 6, 1858.
4. Lois R., b. Feb. 12, 1859; m. John, son of Gideon D. and Malvina (Bean) Felch of Sutton, where they res. Children : Viola, Sherman.
5. Cynthia M., b. Oct. 6, 1861; m., Nov. 7, 1886, Luther M. Ray; res. in N. L.

6. Joseph E., b. May 14, 1864; res. at home, and was just coming to a strong, noble manhood when, on Sept. 10, 1884, he was drowned while bathing in the Merrimack river at Concord, where as a member of the Messer Rifles he was attending the annual muster.

PUTNEY, HENRY W.—Henry W., second son of Joseph Putney [276], is a life-long resident of the town. Since his marriage in 1850 he has had his home at the foot of Morgan hill, on land then purchased of Anthony Colby;—a most beautiful location, and by careful cultivation rendered one of the most fertile farms in this vicinity. Thoroughly reliable as a man; a staunch supporter of his religious and political beliefs, his naturally retiring disposition has led him to prefer the quiet routine of home life to the bustling activity of public duty. He is gifted with an unusually retentive memory, and with keen observation, so that he has acquired a knowledge of the past and present history of his native town and its inhabitants such as few men ever possess. With infinite patience and interest he has answered innumerable questions, called to mind names, dates, and events far back in the past, and in many ways has been an invaluable source of help in the preparation of this volume. With the faithful wife who has been so true an helpmeet, he bids fair to celebrate his golden wedding-day, and complete the fourscore years granted those whose lives have been governed by prudence and temperance in all things. Children:

1. Augustus L., b. Dec. 26, 1850; d. Oct. 3, 1890, at the home of Stephen Messer, where he had been a faithful and valued helper for many years.
2. George M., b. July 25, 1852; unmarried; res. at home. He is one of the large real-estate owners in town, and has acquired a considerable property by industry and frugality.
3. Charles F., b. June 7, 1857; m., Dec. 26, 1894, Martha L. Pingree; res. in N. L.
4. Alfred H., b. Feb. 25, 1859; m. Mary Addie Quimby of Hill; res. in Franklin. Children:
 - (1). Laura H., b. Dec. 1, 1887.
 - (2). Girney A., b. Dec. 10, 1893.

QUIMBY, TIMOTHY H.—Timothy H. was the son of Timothy and Lydia (Robie) Quimby of Springfield. Lydia was the dau. of Samuel Robie of Springfield, a Revolutionary soldier,



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and was an aunt of Merrill Robie of N. L. She was b. March 25, 1792, and m. (1) Timothy Quimby, who was a carpenter. He worked at his trade in Newport, riding to his home in Springfield on horseback: d. very suddenly with the measles in 1813. Lydia m. (2) Jonathan Clark of Springfield, who may have been the Jonathan Clark mentioned on p. 81. She m. (3) William Osborne. Timothy Quimby the younger, b. 1812, m., March, 1840. Eliza, dau. of Edmund and Nancy (Messer) Davis [235]; was a carpenter by trade, and res. for many years in the "Couch" house at Otterville, removing later to Springfield. Eliza (Davis) Quimby d. Oct. 5, 1881; Timothy d. Sept. 19, 1893. Children:

1. Sevilla C., m. George W. Holden, market-gardener, and res. in Somerville, Mass. Six children, of whom Sarah, Bertha, and Lena and Lilla (twins) are living.
2. Jonathan C., m. Alfaretta S., dau. of Enoch Messer [361]; res. in Manchester, where he is a pattern-maker for the Amoskeag Mfg. Co.
3. Lydia C., was b. deaf and dumb; d. with croup at the age of three years.
4. Amy C., m. Nelson W. Lord, motorman; res. in Somerville, Mass. One child, Horace P.
5. Henry E., b. June 26, 1852; m., Sept. 2, 1876, Mary A. Little; res. in N. L.
6. Timothy H., m. Carrie Young of Sunapee; res. in Woburn, Mass., where he is a contractor and builder. Six children.

QUIRK, TIMOTHY.—Timothy Quirk came to N. L. in 1863, and in 1868 acquired the Mason Emery place at Elkins. Three young children of Timothy and Nancy Quirk, Michael P., Nancy, and Johannah, are buried in the Catholic cemetery at Elkins.

RANDLETT, REV. ASA.—Rev. Asa Randlett was identified with N. L. as pastor of the Freewill Baptist church, which worshipped in the Union chapel at Four Corners, from 1859 to 1861, about three years. He was a native of Canaan, and was a student in the old New Hampton Theological school over a half-century ago. He has been preaching since about 1850, and has held pastorates in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut; is still living in the last named state, and preaches occasionally as supply. As a revivalist and organizer he has been especially successful, and has reaped

abundant harvests in his various fields of labor. The history of his family is also of interest through his wife Sophia, dau. of Samuel and Sophia (Greeley) Gardner [476]. Their children were,—

1. Angelina Gardner, b. May 19, 1847; m. George L. Stevens, b. Sebec, Me. Mr. Stevens is president of the Warren Soap and Factory Supplies company of Boston, a firm whose wares find their way to every state in the Union, and are exported in large shipments. They res. in Somerville, Mass., and have one child, Edith.
2. Emma Sophia, b. Jan. 14, 1850; m. Rev. John Roman Stubbett, b. Little Brador, N. S. Mr. Stubbett is a graduate of Harvard and Newton, and is now the popular pastor of the First Baptist church, New London, Conn. Children: John P., Florence E., and Harold K.
3. Warren Gardner, b. July 12, 1852; m. Mary Gates of Groton, Mass. Children, b. in Groton: Mamie (who is m. and has a dau. Ruth), Maude, Christina, and Dorris.
4. Nellie, b. Oct. 24, 1854; m. George W. Dickerman of Boston, a native of Calais, Me.
5. Ida Grace, b. Feb. 11, 1859; m., Dec. 25, 1891, Charles A. Rice, b. Springfield, Mass.; res. at Boston Highlands.
6. Fred Asa, b. Feb. 8, 1862; res. at North Woodstock, Conn.
7. Josephine Gertrude, b. June 21, 1866.
8. Mary Nina, b. April 10, 1870; m. Clarence Eddy Switzer of Wales, Mass. Child:
(1). Mabel G., b. Dunstable, Mass., Sept. 5, 1894.

ROBY. JOHN B.—John B., son of Reuben and Sally (Morse) Roby of Springfield, b. Sept. 21, 1832, cast his first vote as a citizen of N. L. in March, 1862. When the N. L. company for the Eleventh regiment was raised in August of that year, he was among the volunteers, enlisting August 15, and sharing the fortunes of the regiment until July 22, 1863, when he was discharged for disability at Portsmouth Grove, R. I. He m., March 1, 1864, Sarah B. Johnson of New Hampton, sister of Mrs. John Messer [505], and took up his residence in N. L. Quiet and unostentatious in manner, he found truest pleasure at his own fireside, yet abounded in neighborly kindness. Sarah d. March 19, 1868, and John m. (2), Aug. 23, 1868, Hannah, dau. of Gage P. and Betsey (Jones) Woodward, a woman whose truly lovable character endeared her to all who

knew her. Her generous heart not only had room for the little motherless child in the home to which she came, to whom she gave a mother's tenderest care, but the foster daughter who shared the home life received a deep and abiding love and sympathy. John d. Dec. 13, 1893; Hannah d. July 1, 1897. Children:

1. Abbie J., b. Dec. 25, 1867; graduated Colby academy 1890, and has since taught very successfully in her native town. Miss Roby is a teacher of rare excellence, with natural gifts enhanced by thorough cultivation, and is highly esteemed by her many friends.
2. Una Regina Rowell, b. May 29, 1876; graduated Colby academy 1897, and is teaching in N. L.

RUSSELL, OLIVER K.—Oliver K. was the son of Jonathan Russell [378]. (Jonathan Russell m. (1) Sarah, dau. of Ebenezer Haselton [254], and Phebe Haselton, the mother of his three younger children, was his second wife.) Oliver was an active and enterprising citizen in the years that he was a resident of the town. He kept the store at Four Corners, and lived in a house on the Kidder corner which was burned in March, 1874. After that date he lived over the store until his removal to Lawrence, Mass., in 1878. Mary A. B. (Todd) Russell was the oldest dau. of James Todd [388]; d. Lawrence, May 16, 1883. Children:

1. Herman A., b. Feb. 18, 1856; m., Jan. 2, 1877, Isabelle M., dau. of Joseph Colby Messer [505]; res. in Portland, Me. Children:
 - (1). Mabel M., b. Nov. 9, 1878; d. March 26, 1886.
 - (2). Edith S., b. Jan. 23, 1887.
 - (3). Marion I., b. Oct. 21, 1894.
2. Edward Gilman, b. March, 1860; res. in Acworth, where he m. and has four children.
3. Carl H., b. April, 1864; d. 1891.
4. Fannie, b. Feb. 15, 1874; d. Lawrence, Mass., 1889.

SARGENT, CAPT. ANDREW J.—First, last, and all the time since the year 1781, when the pioneer Sargent took up his abode in N. L., the name has been a prominent one in its annals, for able men and good women have borne it in all the generations. Capt. Andrew J. Sargent, the "Cap'n Jack" of military days, is, in a way, a connecting link between the past

and present history of the town. The youngest of the fourteen children of Ezekiel Sargent [139], whose oldest dau. was b. in the closing year of the eighteenth century, his grandfather, Peter Sargent the pioneer, was a man well along in years when he brought a family of twelve children to the new town, adding yet another daughter to the flock shortly after their arrival. The gallant captain himself has passed the three-score mark, and his youngest child has just completed the course at Colby academy; so that his own family history covers more than a century of the town's existence. Nevertheless there is no more active and progressive citizen in the town to-day, and none more interested in its welfare and advancement.

Captain Sargent was b. in the house now known as "Hotel Sargent," was a student at the New London academy, and later at the academies at Andover and McIndoes Falls, Vt. In May, 1855, he enlisted in the Tenth infantry, U. S. A., served one year, and was discharged with the rank of corporal and acting commissary. From that time till the outbreak of the Civil War he remained in N. L., where in 1858 he organized and was captain of the McCutchins Guards. Two days after the first call for troops in the Civil War, Captain Sargent offered his services to the state, and was at once ordered on recruiting duty, later receiving a commission as captain of Company G, First N. H. V. But the captain had previously contracted another important engagement, so, obtaining a few days leave of absence, he proceeded to McIndoes Falls, Vt., and was there united in marriage to Miss Juliette Dewey on April 29. He served with his regiment before the defences of Washington, and under Patterson in the Shenandoah campaign, returning home when the regiment was mustered out in August. Feb. 13, 1862, he enlisted in the Eighth Vermont, was promoted to second lieutenant in July, and in September was taken prisoner with 135 others at Bayou des Allemands, but was exchanged and rejoined his command in February, 1863. He was slightly wounded during the siege of Port Hudson in June, and was promoted to first lieutenant in December. In January, 1864, the regiment re-enlisted in the field for three years, and in the next few months saw terrible fighting. In the bloody battle of Cedar Creek, Captain Sar-

gent was severely wounded, and ordered home on furlough, where he remained until February, 1865. His regiment was mustered out a few days after he had joined it, and re-enlisting in March he served until the final muster-out June 28, 1865.

Returning to N. L., the McCutchins Guards was re-organized as the Messer Rifles, and Captain Sargent was its commander until his removal to Lawrence, Kan., in 1869. In 1885 he came back to his native town, and since that date has res. on the James Morgan place. He is a carpenter by trade, and "spryer" even now than many a younger man. In 1892 he was again chosen commander of the Messer Rifles, and is an influential member of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., and of the New London Grange. In the years that she has lived here Mrs. Sargent has been an active worker in the various lines of social and religious duties, and has won many friends. She is the dau. of Calvin and Sarah (McNab) Dewey of Barnet, Vt., and was b. Dec. 29, 1841. Children:

1. Louis, b. June 18, 1862; m. Mary L., dau. of Sumner P. White of Boston; res. Charlestown, Mass. Child, Louis S.
2. Sarah Gertrude, b. Aug. 25, 1866; d. March 9, 1867.
3. Calvin, b. March 31, 1868; m. Elizabeth Mattison of Somerville, Mass.; bookkeeper with General Electric company, Schenectady, N. Y.
4. Sarah Gwendolyn, b. Jan. 15, 1872; m., June 30, 1898, Irving S., son of William S. Messer [508].
5. Elizabeth Blood, b. April 10, 1880; graduated Colby academy, class of 1898.

At the time the sketch of EZEKIEL SARGENT [139] was given to the printer it was not possible to obtain definite information concerning the children of the sons and daus. who had removed from town. Through the efforts of Captain Sargent, however, the following data have been secured:

Children of Emily Maria, who m. J. Q. A. Wood: 1. Grace Emily, b. Aug. 19, 1849; d. May 2, 1851. 2. Henry Sargent, b. Jan. 12, 1854.

Children of Edwin Ruthven: 1. Julius Marion, b. Aug. 5, 1845. 2. Frank Byron, b. April 12, 1847. 3. Henry H., b. Aug. 2, 1849. 4. Edwin L., b. November, 1851. 5. Susan Emily, date not given. 6. James B., b. Aug. 17, 1856; d. 1863. Eliza (Woodward) Sargent, dau. of Joseph Woodward [400], d. June 13, 1859.

Children of Julia Amanda, who m. W. H. H. Wood: 1. Willie Percy, b. Dec. 28, 1852; d. Aug. 6, 1856. 2. Arthur De Lacy, b. May 15, 1855. 3. Grace Mary Eldred, b. Jan. 22, 1858; d. Aug. 9, 1859. 4. Harry P., b. Nov. 5, 1861. 5. Julia May, b. March 28, 1863.

Children of Lois Adams, who m. A. M. Hayes: 1. Emily, b. Dec. 8, 1856; d. Aug. 13, 1857. 2. Isabelle, b. Aug. 1, 1860. 3. Mary, b. April 23, 1863.

SARGENT, CHARLES D.—The family of Charles D. Sargent, who came to N. L. in the early '70s, is not intimately connected with the other Sargents, though doubtless descended from the emigrant William. The earliest ancestors of this branch of the family settled in Portsmouth, and were men of uncommon stature and strength. It is told of them that when a British ship attempted to land some troops a Sargent picked up the captain and threw him into the harbor; the rest, alarmed at their powerful antagonists, hastily rowed back to their ship, which soon sailed away. Zechariah Sargent, a great-great-uncle of Charles D., came in very early times to what is now Kearsarge mountain, and dwelt there for many years. Tradition has it that he was very friendly with the red men, and that for him they named the mountain "Kiah-Sage," or Kearsarge. The grandfather of Charles D. was a soldier at Bunker Hill. He himself was a native of Concord, the son of Hezekiah and Hannah (Hoyt) Sargent, b. July 17, 1815; m., Jan. 31, 1847, Keziah, dau. of Dea. Israel Sanborn of Springfield, who was b. Oct. 19, 1826. Mrs. Sargent is a cousin of John Wiggin of Springfield, father of Mrs. Joseph C. Adams [441]. Mr. Sargent was one of the substantial citizens of the town, and a successful farmer. He d. Oct. 22, 1895. Since his death his widow has res. with her dau. in Newport. Children:

1. Frank P., b. Dec. 16, 1851; m., Nov. 13, 1877, Phebe M. Fellows; res. in N. L.
2. Charles M., b. March 26, 1857; graduated New London institution, 1877; m., Jan. 14, 1882, Hester, dau. of G. W. Currier of Hopkinton; res. in Boston, Mass., and is travelling salesman for D. Appleton & Co.
3. Ella J., b. July 23, 1864; m., June 18, 1886, J. C. Spooner; res. in Newport. Child: Grace G.

SARGENT, HIRAM.—In every community there may be found a number of men, quiet and reserved in temperament, caring naught for political honors or preferment, yet in their genuine manhood and honorable character constituting the very backbone and sinews of true citizenship—men whose influence for the right and friendship for all that is good may be safely depended upon. Thoroughly reliable, and cheerfully fulfilling all the obligations of life, Hiram Sargent, only surviving child of Stephen Sargent [280], has the genuine esteem of his fellow-men. Sara (Whittier) Sargent, his faithful helpmeet in forty years of married life, is the dau. of Stephen Whittier [285]. The house now occupied by Hiram Sargent was built by himself and his brother Benjamin just before the latter enlisted in the army. Previous to that time the family res. in a house which stood a little southwest of the present one. This, within the earliest remembrance of Hiram, had been the home of Eliphalet Woodward [170], and later of his son-in-law, Stephen Sargent. Children of Hiram Sargent:

1. Benjamin F., b. Oct. 20, 1863; m., June 16, 1897, Annibelle Pillsbury; res. in N. L.
2. Florence G., b. July 14, 1869; res. at home. Gifted with a marked talent for music, her sunny disposition and cheery manners are the joy of her home and the delight of her many friends.

SARGENT, HORACE —Horace Sargent, son of Aaron Leland Sargent [379], after his marriage res. on Burpee hill, perhaps longest on the Whitney farm. Late in life he and his wife moved to the village, and res. in the "Retreat," where Mrs. Sargent d. Nov. 23, 1887. She was the oldest dau. of Moses Burpee [222]. Horace d. at the home of his son Newton, Aug. 29, 1895. Children:

1. Newton Leland, b. June 4, 1855; m., May 27, 1883, Sarah A. Trumbull; res. in N. L.
2. Alfred Gale, b. July 20, 1857; unmarried; res. in N. L.; is the village barber, and prominent in Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F.
3. Solon Burpee, b. Aug. 7, 1861; m., Jan. 24, 1884, Mary Elizabeth Fuller of New Castle, Me., b. Feb. 10, 1850; res. in Swampscott, Mass., and works in Cambridgeport. Children:

(1). Julia Alice, b. March 13, 1888.

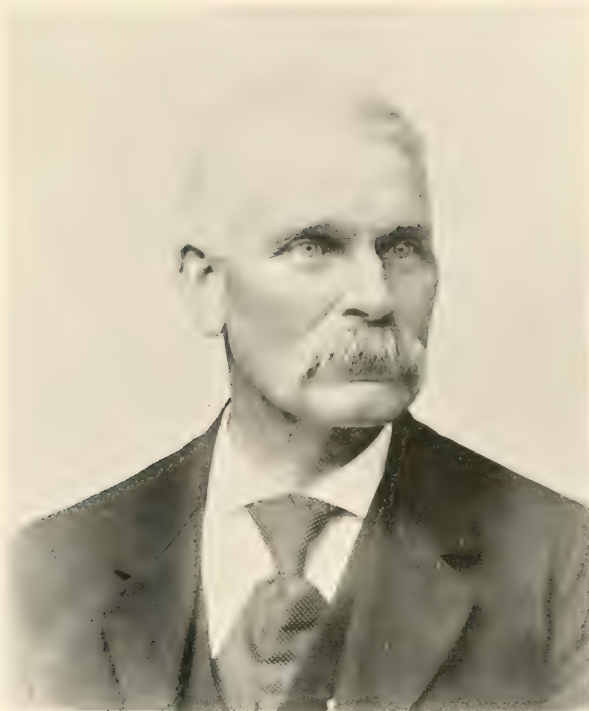
(2). John Arthur, b. Sept. 13, 1892.

SARGENT, RANSOM F.—One of the prettiest places in town is the Sargent homestead on the “back road,” which has been the home of its present owner almost sixty years. His land flows literally with milk and honey, and he has an orchard that stands unsurpassed for variety, quality, and quantity of fruit. Ransom F., son of Seth Freeman Sargent [381], is a born woodsman, skilled in all the craft of the hunter and fisherman, and knows as no one else does the secrets of the forests and watery ways, making him an invaluable guide and companion to the lover of outdoor sports. Withal he is generous and kind-hearted, and a good citizen. Maria (French) Sargent is the dau. of Ausbon French [344]. Children :

1. Edgar F., b. Sept. 12, 1866; m., Nov. 27, 1887, Minnie M. Waterman; res. in N. L.

2. Alice, b. May 16, 1879; member of the class of 1899, Colby academy.

SHEPARD, JAMES ELI.—Among the business men of this and the succeeding period, James E. Shepard, son of Samuel Shepard [384], ranks high, and fully sustains the family reputation for industry. As a dealer in neat stock and timber he is widely known, and his real-estate holdings in this and adjoining towns have been large. His home farm, “Sheep-fold,” is one of the finest in town. A prime mover in the institution of the New London grange, Mr. Shepard was its first master, and has continued an active interest in its welfare. In the county and state granges he has been a prominent official, and was especially successful as president of the State Grange Fair association. He is a Mason, also a member of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F., has served the town in various capacities, was delegate to the Constitutional convention of 1889, and has been recognized in his political party with several state nominations. As a citizen he has been an advocate of public spirit and enterprise. Since 1891 he has been a member of the board of trustees of Colby academy. Lucia (Nelson) Shepard, dau. of Mark and Lucy (Fild) Nelson [511], is an able helpmeet to her busy, energetic husband, and a potent factor in the successes which have come to him. Children :



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1. Charles Everett, b. Nov. 10, 1864; m., Jan. 3, 1889, Maude Hersey; res. in N. L.
2. Lucy Nelson, b. March 8, 1867; m., Nov. 28, 1894, Wilfred E., son of Edwin P. Burpee [449].
3. Frank Sylvester, b. July 6, 1869; m., Oct. 7, 1894, Stella Hersey; res. in N. L.
4. Mary Ellen, b. Jan. 28, 1872; graduated from Colby academy 1891, and Smith college 1897; m., Sept. 21, 1897, Clarence E., son of George B. Clough of Wilmot Flat and grandson of Nathaniel P. Clough [454].
5. Mark Nelson, b. Oct. 6, 1876; studied at Colby academy; res. at home, his father's right-hand man.
6. Emma Trayne, b. April 2, 1879; graduated Colby academy 1897; res. at home, and is a great favorite in social circles.

SHOLES. GEORGE P.—George P., son of William Sholes [386], enlisted from Springfield, Sept. 3, 1864, and served for a year in the First N. H. V. Heavy Artillery. His first record on the N. L. tax-list is in 1868, when he purchased the Jewett place on Burpee hill. Later he removed to the Curtis Messer farm on Knight's hill, where he res. until the buildings were burned, Dec. 11, 1889. Since that date he has been foreman of the Colby farm. He is a member of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., and an officer of the Messer Rifles. Helen (Manahan) Sholes was the dau. of Newton Manahan [500]; d. June 6, 1897. She was a woman of lovable disposition, and an earnest worker in the church. At the time of her death she was secretary of the Woman's Missionary society, and an influential member of the New London grange. Child:

1. Karl M., b. Oct. 24, 1874; studied at Colby academy and Spence & Peaslee's Commercial school, Salem, Mass.

SMITH, DAVID.—David, son of John and Tama (Sargent) Smith, was b. in Bradford, Jan. 24, 1825; m., March 14, 1855, Mehitable, dau. of Asa and Mary (French) Knight of Bradford, b. April 19, 1828. Mary French was the dau. of Oliver French of Sutton, and a niece of Greene French of N. L. David Smith came to N. L. in 1860, and worked on the poor-farm for a few months; after a residence on the Sanford Fisher place worked a gain on the poor-farm for three years, and then res. in several locations before he purchased his present home. Tradition has it that this house, which was first occupied by Edward Ide, was moved from Minot hill to its

present location. Elder Asa Randlett afterwards lived there, and was followed by Daniel Lorden, then the present owner. Children :

1. Nathan Eugene, b. May 8, 1857; m., Jan. 1, 1879, Sarah, dau. of Hugh M. and Fanny Craig of Bradford; res. Lebanon. Child: Ethel.
2. John E., b. April 16, 1859; m., July 4, 1889, Lodena Shattuck of Lebanon, dau. of Edward and Lucy Shattuck; res. Lebanon. Children: Perley, Edith.
3. Sidney, b. Aug. 30, 1870; unmarried; res. at home; is a leading member of the New London Cadet band and of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F.

SMITH, ELIPHALET G.—Eliphalet G., son of Asa and Abigail (Thompson) Smith of Wilmot, b. February, 1820, and a carpenter by trade, m. (1) Mary Ann, dau. of Daniel and Lydia (Agur) Fellows of Bradford. They res. in Lawrence, Mass., where Mary Ann d. in 1852. He came from Wilmot to N. L. in 1865, and first worked in the scythe shops. He built what is now the Prescott cottage at Elkins, and res. there several years; then exchanged with Greeley Hunting for the John Colby farm at Low Plain. He had two daus. by his first wife, and several children by a second marriage. Eliphalet d. at Wilmot, May 18, 1896. His widow res. at Low Plain with her son Forrest. Other children were Dora, who m. Walter Davis; Bert and Fred; Kirk, who m., June 6, 1885, Nellie A., dau. of Daniel Annis [442], and had a son, Henry Lee (b. 1885, d. Aug. 28, 1887); besides a seven-year-old boy who was drowned at Scytheville, July 11, 1868.

STANLEY, BENTON M.—Benton M. Stanley, first recorded on the N. L. tax-list in 1863, is a descendant in the fifth generation from Matthew Stanley, an early resident of Hopkinton. His grandparents were Jonathan and Rebecca (Clough) Stanley, whose son, Horace C., m., April 22, 1827, Mary Ann, dau. of John and Lydia (Clough) Kimball of Hopkinton, who bore him four children and d. Aug. 26, 1853. The oldest son, Clinton W., m. Lydia Woodbury of Weare, and res. and d. in Manchester; was a justice of the New Hampshire supreme court. Benton M., the second son, b. July 16, 1840, is a farmer and carpenter, as was his father before him. He m. Almira, dau. of William Clough of Webster, and settled on

the Nathaniel Messer farm on Burpee hill, one of the most sightly and beautiful places in town, and one that has well repaid the careful tillage of its owner. Children :

1. Mary Sophronia, b. Nov. 15, 1864 ; m., Oct. 24, 1891, Willie M Knowlton ; res. in N. L.
2. William E., b. Oct. 21, 1866 ; graduated from the Chandler Scientific school, Hanover, in 1891, and is now a surveyor draughtsman for the Manufacturers' Mutual Insurance company of Boston. He m., Dec. 24, 1896, Margaret M., dau. of William S. Carter of N. L., a graduate of Colby academy and a highly successful teacher ; res. in Boston. Child :
(1). Margaret Evalyn, b. June 22, 1898.
3. Frank Marion, b. Jan. 5, 1870 ; m., June 3, 1897, Florence R. Gay ; res. in N. L.
4. Emma Isabel, b. Dec. 6, 1875 ; graduated Colby academy 1897, and is now teaching in N. L.
5. Horace Clough, b. April 27, 1880 ; student at Colby academy.

TAYLOR, JOHN W.—John W., son of Nathan and Hannah (Bixby) Taylor, b. Newfane Vt., April 3, 1823, came to Newport in 1828, and to N. L., in company with his brother-in-law, Hezekiah Hanson, in the spring of 1848. They purchased Sabin's cloth-dressing mill at Otterville, but Hanson soon returned to Newport. For a full half-century Mr. Taylor has been established at Otterville, following his father's trade as cloth-dresser and wool-carder, and is as reliable and worthy a man as can be found anywhere. He has been a devoted attendant and liberal supporter of the mission at Otterville. While Joseph Russell owned the store he had a hall finished off in the second story, which was used for social purposes. Russell sold to Mr. Taylor on his removal to Sunapee, and he put in the settees and was otherwise active in establishing regular religious services. The building is now owned by Fred Farwell. Mr. Taylor m., Oct. 19, 1854, Nancy S. Carr of Salisbury, Mass., b. Feb. 9, 1825. She d. Sept. 21, 1874, after not quite twenty years' residence in N. L. Children :

1. Annie S., b. Dec. 6, 1855 ; d. Sept. 23, 1886.
2. Abbie F., b. July 11, 1860 ; m., Aug. 6, 1882, Edgar H., son of Horace and Sarah Morey of Sutton and N. L., and res. in Newport. Abbie d. N. L., June 14, 1891 ; Edgar d. Sutton, Feb. 28, 1884. Child :
(1). Mabel, b. N. L., June 17, 1884 ; d. June 30, 1885.

THOMPSON, ABIAL.—Came to N. L. in 1848; res. on the Greene French place, and later on the Moses Haskins place at Scytheville; from there he removed to Grafton. He is said to have come here from Lowell, Mass.

TODD, ASA NELSON.—The oldest representative of the families descended from the five Todd brothers of the preceding period, now living in N. L., is Asa Nelson, son of Eli Todd [387], whose substantial farmhouse and broad acres constitute one of the finest farms in the Low Plain district. (This is one of the few locations from which a view of the summit of Mount Washington, seventy miles away, can be obtained on a clear day.) Bluff and hearty in manner, plain and direct of speech, Nelson Todd is a man who rings true as steel in the test of time. In the positions of trust to which he has been chosen by his fellow-citizens, he has honored himself and them by the faithfulness with which he has discharged his duties. He has a true helpmeet in the wife who has shared with him the joys and sorrows of nearly forty years of married life. Maroa (Harvey) Todd is the dau. of Dea. Joseph and Mehitable (Watson) Harvey of Sutton, b. Aug. 19, 1840. Deacon Harvey was a man whose influence always tended for good, and was a leading citizen in the community. He d. at the home of his dau. April 24, 1887. Children of Nelson Todd:

1. Charles A., b. May 2, 1862; m., Nov. 9, 1885, Harriet Deborah Sargent; res. in N. L.
2. Grace Abby, b. Dec. 4, 1868; studied at Colby academy, and has been very successful in teaching; m., Aug. 16, 1894, Henry J. Hall of Milford, b. 1865. Recently Mr. and Mrs. Hall have res. at the homestead, and both are active members of the New London grange. They are excellent musicians, and welcome additions to the church choir.
3. Elizabeth Nelson, b. Feb. 7, 1872; m., April 10, 1897, Ralph H. Keil; res. in N. L.

TODD, AUSTIN R.—Austin R., oldest son of Robert Todd [390], res. after his marriage in the Jacob Todd house. He d. Oct. 6, 1875, leaving no descendants. Sarah (Farwell) Todd, dau. of Dea. Thomas Farwell [467], m. (2), Sept. 2, 1878, Abel F. Boynton, and res. at Scytheville.

TODD, HENRY M.—Henry M. is the youngest son of Robert Todd, and res. in the cosey cottage southwest of the bridge at

the outlet of Lake Pleasant. He is a skilled tanner and currier, and since the closing of the Jones tannery in 1888 has been employed in the tannery at Wilmot Flat. His wife, Maria (Buswell) Todd, b. Nov. 2, 1851, is a granddaughter of David Buswell [450], and of Robert Pearce [371]. Children:

1. Edwin Leroy, b. June 17, 1874; m., Oct. 18, 1894, Kittie N. C., dau. of John Jones of N. L.; res. in Antrim. Child: (1). Edwina F., b. Aug. 25, 1896.
2. Sherlie B., b. March 31, 1875; res. at home.

TODD, JACOB H.—The second son of James Todd [388], Jacob Horace, followed the famous advice of Horace Greeley, and "went West" soon after reaching his majority. After a brief stay in Ohio he returned home, then went to Wisconsin, where he m. a fair dau. of N. L. who was visiting relatives in that section. Abby (Shepard) Todd, dau. of Samuel Shepard [384], is a woman whose sterling worth of character and kindly sympathy have made her beloved by all, and it was a happy turn of fortune that brought the young couple back to their childhood home. At Osborn, Wis., Jacob was station agent on the Sandusky, Dayton & Cincinnati railroad for several years. Returning to N. L., he res. with his father four years, then settled on his present location at "Todd corner." He was employed in the scythe works nearly ten years, until one hand was badly injured, and since then has carried on his farm. Honest as the day, simple-hearted as a child, his friendship is valued by those who know his genuine worth. Children:

1. James, b. Oct. 4, 1865; m., July 7, 1890, Edith M., dau. of Charles Bradford of South Boston; res. in South Boston, and is a machinist by trade. Child: (1). Ruth Bradford, b. April 24, 1895.
2. Ralph S., b. Oct. 20, 1874; res. at home, and is a clerk in the general store at Elkins.
3. Martha S., b. Feb. 4, 1878.
4. Julia Emma, b. Dec. 4, 1881.

TODD, NATHANIEL C.—Nathaniel C., son of William Todd [390], was in his earlier years remarkably successful as a schoolteacher, and later was superintending school committee in the town where most of his life has been passed. The family res. for several years on the Elder Seamans place, then

removed to Manchester, where they kept a boarding-house, and are now living in Concord. Delia (Morse) Todd is the youngest of the ten children of John and Patty (Cheney) Morse of Newbury. Her brother, Benjamin R., m. Eunice, dau. of Capt. John Pike [273]; and a sister, Mary Marilla, m. John, son of Jonathan B. Haynes [351], and res. in Newbury. Children of N. C. Todd:

1. Arthur Morse, b. June 18, 1872.
2. Emma Shepard, b. Jan. 24, 1875.
3. Mabel Ella, b. April 16, 1876.
4. George Elbridge, b. June 23, 1877.
5. John William, b. May 24, 1880.
6. Sherman Leland, b. March 17, 1891; d. April 26, 1892.

TOWLE, ELIJAH.—Elijah, son of Isaac and Nancy (Pillsbury) Towle of Chester and Francestown, and brother of David Towle [391], came from Francestown to N. L. in 1860, and res. on the Miss Whittemore place. He was b. in Chester, April 13, 1805; m., June 20, 1839, Apphia Philbrick, a sister of Samuel J. Philbrick [371]. Apphia was b. at Gilford, July 22, 1809, and d. at N. L., Aug. 30, 1877. Elijah d. March 28, 1869. Children:

1. Sarah J., b. Aug. 11, 1840; was a tailoress in Manchester, where she d. Oct. 6, 1880.
2. Isaac J., b. March 31, 1848; was a farmer; d. at N. L., March 19, 1881.
3. Samuel P., b. Oct. 4, 1851; was a teamster; res. in the ladies' boarding-house, and later in the Hanaford cottage; now living in Bedford.
4. Laura A., b. Feb. 6, 1854; res. with her brother.

WAITE, JACOB N.—Jacob Waite came from Dorchester, Mass., to N. L. in 1866, and res. on the Abel Hobbs place. He d. in 1870, and the farm was carried on by his widow, Elizabeth (Richardson) Waite. Since her death, Aug. 15, 1889, the house has been used as a summer home by the family connections. Children:

1. Jeannie Elizabeth, b. Hallowell, Me., Sept. 21, 1836; m. (1) — Upham; m. (2) — Waite (her cousin), and had Bessie, Polly, and Sally.
2. Annie S., m., May 16, 1888, Rev. Horace Brown.
3. Abbie, m. — French, and res. in Chicago, Ill.; deceased.
4. Theodore, res. in California.



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5. Jessie L. P., b. 1844; m., Dec. 16, 1879, Rev. Horace F., son of Langdon and Catharine (Peirce) Brown. (Charles H. Brown, youngest son of Langdon, occupied the Waite house several seasons; taught school very successfully, and preached as supply at Otterville and other places.) Rev. Horace Brown was b. in Hopkinton, Aug. 20, 1850; graduated Colby academy 1872, Brown university 1876, Newton Theological seminary 1879; ordained at Antrim in 1879, stationed at Rumney 1884 to 1887, and since that date at Athol, Mass., and Greenwich, R. I. Jessie (Waite) Brown d. Jan 29, 1886, and Mr. Brown m. (2) her sister Annie S. Children, by Jessie: Reginald Langdon, Horace Theodore.

WHIPPLE, DR. SOLOMON M.—For thirty-five years a skilful physician and a loyal citizen of his adopted town, is the epitomized record of Dr. Whipple's connection with N. L., but the fulness of a life given over to the arduous effort called forth by a thorough devotion to his profession, is summed up in these few words. Dr. Whipple was the son of David and Sally (Cutting) Whipple of Croydon, b. July 28, 1820. His great-grandfather, Moses Whipple, was one of the three pioneer settlers and original proprietors of Croydon, a man whose judgment was so respected by his fellow-townsmen that his word was law in all local matters, and he himself regarded "as a Washington in the sphere in which he moved." Dr. Whipple inherited much of the energy and decision of character for which his ancestor was noted, yet from sheer force of circumstances the goal of his ambition, a professional life, was attained only by a long and laborious struggle. Added to this was a physical weakness which gradually but surely undermined his health. Yet the strong will of a man who strives to forget his own sufferings in the kindly ministry of his calling, enabled him to meet the exigencies of life with an unwavering fortitude. Those who knew him best saw beneath the stoicism and apparent sternness of his manner the tender, courageous heart of the true man.

By the home lamp and a few terms at Lebanon and Unity academies, he prepared to enter the collegiate department of Norwich university, from which he was graduated in 1846. He pursued his medical studies at Dartmouth, and the Woodstock Medical school at Burlington, Vt., graduating from the latter in 1849, and beginning practice in N. L. the same year.

Here, through the changing scenes of a generation,—a longer period by far than that of any other of the town's physicians—he did his life-work ; and when called to lay aside active duties, endured the wearisome tedium of a long illness and met approaching death with the calm consciousness of a well-spent life. His death, from pulmonary hemorrhage, occurred Jan. 16, 1884. Dr. Whipple became a member of the New Hampshire Medical society in 1852, and served as its president in 1876. The occasional contributions to the medical and political journals of his time which his busy life would permit, attest the literary culture and calm judgment of the careful student and deep thinker. June 9, 1850, he m. Henrietta Kimball Hersey, dau. of Amos K. and Dorothy (Hersey) Hersey of Sanbornton, b. Oct. 10, 1830. The ancestor of the Hersey family in Sanbornton, like Moses Whipple of Croydon, was a sturdy pioneer, and a highly respected citizen. The union of the descendants of two families with such strongly marked characteristics, could not fail to leave its impression on the children, and each of the three sons born to Dr. and Mrs. Whipple has won distinction in his chosen field. Children :

1. Ashley Cooper, b. Feb. 4, 1852 ; graduated Colby academy in 1870, and at once commenced the study of medicine with his father. In 1871 he had charge of a ward in the state asylum for the insane at Concord, in 1872 took his first course of lectures at Dartmouth Medical college, and in 1874 passed a successful examination at the University of New York, but took his degree of M. D. from Dartmouth. Locating in Ashland, he gave himself up to his profession with unsparing zeal, and merited well the success which at once attended him. He was highly esteemed both as a physician and citizen, was a Mason and an Odd Fellow, and held in high repute by his medical brethren. His early death, from typhoid fever, April 4, 1880, when he fell a victim to his professional devotion and fidelity, was lamented greatly. Dr. Granville P. Conn of Concord, in an address before the New Hampshire Medical society, said of him,—

“In his death the profession and the society has lost an
 “enthusiastic member. His zeal in his work for his patients
 “and his love of the profession was commendable, yet had
 “he had more thought of himself in caring for his own
 “health,—both in the present and future—allowing himself
 “some relaxation after long periods of careful watching and



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“great anxiety for those under his charge, it is possible he might have been spared to do greater work for those around him. When admonished by his friends that a physician’s vital power could not endure a constant strain any more than other people’s, he never seemed to have a thought that such reasoning in any way applied to himself, but labored on as one who never knew fatigue. With his characteristic power of endurance and indomitable will, he continued to keep about the house and see a few patients long after a majority of men would have taken their beds.”

On Christmas day, 1876, Dr. Ashley C. Whipple m. Frances Anna, dau. of George Hoyt of Ashland, who with his two children now res. at Andover, Mass. Children:

- (1). George Hoyt, b. Aug. 27, 1878; graduated Phillips-Andover academy; member of class of 1900, Yale university.
- (2). Ashley, b. July 9, 1880; student at Abbott Female seminary, Andover.
2. Amos Hersey, b. June 21, 1856. In the new era of prosperity that has come to N. L. since 1885, Amos Whipple has borne perhaps as conspicuous a part as any one man. From early youth he exhibited as marked a talent for business as his brothers did in a professional way, and gave to his chosen calling the same energetic strength of will. For several years he carried on the drugstore established by his father, and in the winter of 1882-'83 bought out the New London and Potter Place stage line. No one else ever handled the reins of the big tally-ho coach with such skilful confidence, while his unvarying courtesy made him everywhere popular. In connection with this he carried on a livery stable at both ends of the stage route, to meet the demands of the summer trade. It was his keen business foresight that saw the possibilities of New London as a summer resort, and to him is due the credit in large measure for first bringing its superior advantages before the public in a way to command patronage. So much had this line of business increased by 1886, that the ladies' boarding-house belonging to the old academy property, which had been unused for several years, was secured to meet the increased demand for accommodations. Mr. Whipple in company with Wilfred E. Burpee had the house thoroughly repaired, added piazzas, a spacious dining-room, and other improvements, and it was opened as a first class hotel for the season

of 1887. As the "Heidelberg" the house at once came into high favor, and year after year it was crowded to the eaves. It was in Mr. Whipple's clever brain, too, that the idea of the annual coaching parade originated, and this also became famous and helped advertise the town. In 1893 his fame as a host took him to Boston, where as a landlord of the "Thorndike," "Winthrop," and "Nottingham," and the "Rockland" at Nantasket beach, his popularity is undiminished. The annual reunion of the Colby Academy association is held with "mine host Whipple" at the "Nottingham," and New London friends always meet with a hearty greeting. Mr. Whipple still retains his large property interests here, and is a frequent and welcome visitor.

3. Sherman Leland, b. March 4, 1862; m., Dec. 27, 1893, Louise Clough of Manchester; res. in Brookline, Mass. The eminent degree of success attained by Sherman L. Whipple in early manhood prognosticates a brilliant career in the profession to which he has devoted a rarely gifted and carefully cultivated mind. The scholarly bent seems to have been absolutely instinctive with him, and manifested itself from his earliest years. Throughout his academical and collegiate courses his logical, analytical, and debative powers indicated a special fitness for the law; and his steady yet rapid rise since admitted to the bar, is but the natural fulfilment of the promise of his boyhood. He entered the college preparatory course at Colby academy when but eleven years of age, and graduated in 1877. Entering Yale college that same year, he was graduated the youngest member of the class of 1881, and was one of the eight commencement speakers chosen by the faculty for high scholarship. He taught for a year in the Boys' High school at Reading, Pa.; was for two years at Yale Law school, and graduated from that institution in 1884 with the record of Townsend orator, one of three men ranked as speakers from recognized ability, and with the degree of LL. B. He was at once admitted to the Connecticut bar, and on returning to his native state in the fall of 1884 was enrolled among New Hampshire lawyers. The winter was spent in the office of Hon. David Cross of Manchester, but in May, 1885, he took desk room in the office of Train & Teele, Boston. Admitted to the Suffolk bar on motion of Attorney-General Train, in two years his clientage outgrew his accommodations, and he removed to offices of his own, where his practice has steadily



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increased and now occupies not only his own time but that of several assistants. To achieve in early manhood the marked success with which Mr. Whipple has been rewarded for his diligent labor, is no small distinction in these days of close competition and in a fraternity so abounding in men of brilliant intellectuality as is the legal profession of Boston. He has held numerous important positions of business trust, but leaves political aspirations to less busy men. He has been a trustee of Colby academy since 1892, and in 1896 was appointed one of the board of bar examiners for Suffolk county. Children:

- (1). Dorothy, b. July 27, 1894.
- (2). Katharyn Carleton, b. Nov. 30, 1895.
- (3). Sherman L., Jr., b. Feb. 21, 1898.

WHITCOMB, RUEL.—The grandfather of Ruel Whitcomb, Benjamin Whitcomb of Henniker, was one of the pioneer settlers of Newport. Benjamin and Sarah (Watson) Whitcomb had five children. Parmenas, the third child, was a farmer in Newport, and m. Rua, dau. of Samuel Hurd, who was among the earliest settlers of Newport. Of their three children, Ruel, b. Dec. 20, 1822, was the oldest. A dau., Sarah Ann, m. James Emerson of Warner, brother of Hiram Emerson [342], and d. at Newport, leaving three children. The second dau., Lydia, m. Willard Morse of Sharon, Mass., res. in Kalamazoo, Mich., and Minneapolis, Minn., and has two children. Ruel Whitcomb came to N. L. in 1848, and for forty years, until the works were closed, was scythe temperer for the New London Scythe company; a master of his trade, and a thoroughly reliable man. In the half-century since he has been a resident of Scytheville many changes have taken place, and few are left who were work-fellows with him before 1850. He m. (1), Oct. 21, 1847, Samantha Rhoda, dau. of Gilman Crosby of Croydon, who d. at Scytheville, April 7, 1867, aged 37 years; m. (2), Jan. 7, 1869, Lucy A., dau. of John and Nancy (Wells) Woodbury of Wilmot Flat. Their pleasant home, "Cliff House," is admirably located for the summer guest business, and commands the larger share of the patronage that comes to Elkins; its mountain views and nearness to Lake Pleasant, with its comfortable accommodations, being a combination that meets with the appreciation it deserve. Mr. Whitcomb's children, one by each wife, are,—

1. Edwin R., b. Aug. 13, 1848; m., and res. in N. L.
2. Bernette S., res. at home; a graduate of the musical course at Colby academy, and a successful music teacher.

WHITE, EBENEZER.—Ebenezer White came from Wilmot to N. L. in 1855; res. on the George Fisher farm at Otterville, and later on the Fitzgerald place at Scytheville. His wife Judith, dau. of Daniel and Mary (Jones) Emery of Sutton, was b. 1804; d. at Wilmot. Judith was a sister of Ezra Emery who m. Jane Dole and in 1830 was living near the Wilmot line; also of Timothy Emery of the same neighborhood, who appears to have m. Fanny, widow of Jonathan Jones, supposed to have been the father of Ezra Jones [356]. Elizabeth (Philbrick) Jones who m. (2) Jonah Campbell [333], was the dau. of Ezra Jones of N. L., according to the "History of Henniker," but this fact has not been satisfactorily established. Ebenezer White lived near the Emerys and Joneses in 1829, then for many years in Wilmot. He was b. Aug. 15, 1798, the son of David and Sally (Harriman) White and a brother of Mrs. Johnson Rolfe [377]. (David White was b. April 28, 1772; Sally Harriman was b. Feb. 11, 1773, and they were m. Aug. 10, 1792.) Ebenezer d. N. L., May, 1861. Children:

1. Mary, never m.; d. in Claremont.
2. Betsey, m. — White, and moved to Massachusetts.
3. Lasias, m. and res. in Bellows Falls, Vt.
4. David, d. young.
5. Helen, m. Cyrus Corning, a stable-keeper at Concord.
6. Moses E., b. Wilmot, 1835; enlisted from Bellows Falls, Vt., in the Third N. H. V., Aug. 23, 1861; appointed corporal June 21, 1862; wounded severely July 18, 1863, at Fort Wagner, S. C., and was promoted to sergeant; d. of wounds Aug. 22, 1863, at Fort Schuyler, N. Y.
7. Josephine, m. (1) Eben Davis of Hill, and res. at Vineland, N. J.; m. (2) — Eyre, and res. in Salisbury.

WHITNEY, CHARLES S.—Charles S., youngest son of Alexander Whitney [397], is the present owner of the Whitney homestead at Elkins, and is a most worthy citizen. He is a master mason of King Solomon's lodge, represented the town in the legislature of 1887, and has held several important local offices. His absolute probity commands the respect of his fellow-citizens, and his sturdy faithful support of the reli-



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gious services at Elkins is characteristic of the earnest purpose with which his every-day life is ordered. Mrs. Whitney was b. Sept. 16, 1841, and is the dau. of Uriah B. and Laura (Bailey) Pearsons of Sutton, and granddaughter of Joseph and Deborah (Badger) Pearsons of Warner. Her only brother, John L. Pearsons, was a corporal in the Tenth N. H. V., was taken prisoner, and d. at Salisbury, N. C., Jan. 2, 1865. Their children are,—

1. Carrie E., b. Jan. 6, 1866; m., July 6, 1889, Frank Reed of Unity, where they res. Children :
 - (1). Edgar N., b. Aug. 6, 1891.
 - (2). Charles W., b. Aug. 24, 1893.
 - (3). Albert Leroy, b. March 19, 1898.
2. George W., b. May 25, 1878; res. at home.

WHITTIER, ALMON B.—The youngest son of Capt. William Whittier [286], Almon B., owned one of the best residences in Scytheville. Elizabeth (Messer) Whittier is the dau. of Curtis Messer [361]. Children :

1. Hamilton M., m. Myrtie Adams; res. at Elkins.
2. Antoinette, m., May 31, 1893, Fred Morey; res. at Elkins.

WOODWARD, CAPT. CHARLES.—Of the thirty-eight men who went out from N. L. in Company F, Eleventh N. H. V., no one made a better record than did Charles Woodward, son of Gage and Betsey (Jones) Woodward mentioned below. He enlisted as private, and by gallant and meritorious conduct won successive promotions, receiving his commission as captain Jan. 30, 1863. Captain Woodward was with his regiment continuously until its return from the East Tennessee campaign, and until he became physically disabled. During the most trying days of the siege of Knoxville he held the round-house at the railroad station with forty men, under orders to defend it till the last man was killed or captured—orders, it is scarcely necessary to add, which were faithfully and ably carried out. His men were devoted to their brave leader, whose courage never faltered under the fiercest fire, and whose cheery “Come on, boys!” was always an inspiration to do one’s best. Captain Woodward was honorably discharged from the service for disability, June 23, 1864. After his return to N. L., Captain Woodward and his uncle Stephen built a mill on Big brook, near the Charles Pingree house on

Pleasant street, and this was used for several years for the accommodation of the neighborhood. Following Stephen Woodward, Joshua Hemphill, and Deacon Littlefield were joint owners with Captain Woodward; but finally the business was given up, the building was demolished, and only the water-wheel and ruined dam now mark the spot. He has for many years followed his trade as carpenter and house-builder, and is one of the substantial citizens of the town. He is a member of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., and represented the town in the legislature of 1885-'86. Mary Jane (Morgan) Woodward is the dau. of James Morgan [365]. She is a graduate of Colby academy, and her ability receives appreciative recognition in the various organizations of which she is a member. They have an adopted child, Josephine L., b. Oct. 21, 1880, who is a student at Colby academy.

WOODWARD, GAGE.—Gage, oldest of the eleven children of David and Ruth (Wells) Woodward of Sutton, b. Nov. 30, 1809, m., April 4, 1833, Betsey A., dau. of Amos and Betsey (Littlehale) Jones of Sutton, b. Unity, Dec. 13, 1812. He was a carpenter by trade, and accounted a skilful workman. After his marriage he res. in Lowell, and in 1857 came to N. L. to build the Jonathan Carr house. There was plenty of work for a man of his ability and industry, and in 1858 he purchased of his brother Stephen what is now the Alfred Sargent house, which was originally built for a store. April 20, 1859, he bought of Marcus Sargent the small red house which stood opposite the mouth of the Burpee hill road, and a half-acre of land, and res. there until he built the Frank Knowlton house. He went from here to the Merrill Robie place, where he res. until 1872, when he made his home with his daughter Hannah. Gage d. May 24, 1890; Betsey d. Nov. 6, 1890. Children:

1. Hannah, b. March 18, 1836; m., August, 1868, John B. Roby [522].
2. Charles, b. Nov. 3, 1837; m., Feb. 4, 1869, Mary J., dau. of James Morgan; res. in N. L.
3. Emeline, b. 1840; d. 1843.
4. George, b. July 29, 1842; m., July 15, 1875, Ida L., dau. of Horace L. Sleeper of Winchester, Mass.; res. in N. L.

WOODWARD, STEPHEN.—Stephen, brother of Gage Woodward above, b. Sutton, Feb. 16, 1822, m., Nov. 18, 1845, Sarah A. P., dau. of Stephen and Polly (Page) Johnson of Sutton, b. Oct. 25, 1825. In 1856 he removed to N. L., and following the family trade made himself a place in the community by his capability and integrity. Stephen built the Professor Knight house, and res. there, then lived for a few years in Sutton, removing thence to the Deacon Littlefield farm, which he afterwards exchanged with Joshua Hemphill for the mill property at Otterville. Sarah (Johnson) Woodward d. at Otterville, July 4, 1868, aged 43 years, and Stephen m. (2), Jan. 4, 1870, Mrs. Harriet M. Sargent of Sunapee, dau. of Robert D. and Betsey (Sargent) Clogston. He removed to Sunapee after his second marriage, and was living there in 1897. Children:

1. Emma E., b. Oct. 10, 1846; d. Feb. 21, 1849.
2. Annette, b. Jan. 20, 1848; m., Oct. 26, 1865, Andrew J. Fuller of Jamaica Plain, Mass., where they now res.
3. Albert H., b. Aug. 21, 1851; d. March 21, 1853.
4. Frank A., b. Jan. 5, 1853; m., Feb. 1, 1888, Almira W., dau. of William L. and Lydia Florence (Bean) Morgan of Sutton, b. Sept. 16, 1863; res. in Warner.
5. Mary A., b. Aug. 2, 1855; m., Dec. 24, 1876, Franklin P., son of Sanford and Mary (Hill) Fisher [469]; res. Enfield Centre.
6. Carrie, b. May 5, 1858; d. May 28, 1865.
7. Elva E., b. July 21, 1860; m. Leon Andrews, a marble-cutter of Claremont, where they res.

WORTHEN, THOMAS S.—Thomas, younger son of Jacob Worthen [403], after his marriage res. on the Richard Morgan place at Otterville, in the house built by his father; d. Feb. 28, 1875. Betsey (Roby) Worthen is the dau. of Reuben and Sally (Morse) Roby of Springfield, and a sister of John B. Roby [522], with whom she res. after her husband's decease. No children.

CHAPTER XI.

FIFTH HISTORICAL PERIOD—ENDOWMENT FUND OF COLBY ACADEMY—CENTENNIAL ANNIVERSARY OF NEW LONDON'S INCORPORATION—THE CHURCH CENTENNIAL—BURNING OF COLBY ACADEMY—FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY—WEST PART BURIAL-GROUND—STATISTICAL DATA—TOWN OFFICIALS, 1876-1898.

New London's fifth historical period includes the years from 1876 to 1898,—the town as it is to-day. The records bear evidence of an era of good feeling and moderate prosperity, and life seems to have flowed tranquilly on, with but little deflection from its ordinary course. The town, in 1876, had not yet recovered from the financial stress imposed by the Civil War, and was economizing in every practicable way as a means towards lifting its bonded indebtedness of \$8,000. This it was accomplishing slowly but surely, and by 1878 its outstanding obligations had been reduced by a little more than \$3,000.

The sixth article in the warrant for the annual meeting of 1877 reads :

“To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25, to aid
“ Prescott Jones Post of the Grand Army of the Republic in
“ decorating the Soldiers' Graves on May 30, 1877.”

Such a request could but meet with favorable consideration in the yet undimmed memories of the gallant sons whose bodies lay at rest in the quiet churchyard across the valley. They had died for home and country, and their grass-grown mounds, mute yet heart-eloquent appeals for remembrance, were deserving of the highest tokens of respect that a grateful people could bestow. Thereafter the appropriation became an annual one, it being granted to Prescott Jones post of Wilmot, which held its meetings in Mechanics' hall at Scytheville, and to which many of the New London veterans belonged, until the organization of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., in 1885.

The record of the ministerial-fund disbursements in the early part of this period marks the disappearance in the village proper of practically all but the Baptist organization, and the establishment of a branch of this church at Otterville. For two years a Christian society was maintained at Scytheville, with Rev. Lewis Phillips, nephew of Joseph E. Phillips, as pastor.

The buildings on the town farm having been burned, a special meeting was called in the spring of 1878 to decide on a plan for supporting the few paupers then on the town. In favor of caring for them at the county instead of a town farm, the vote stood 98 to 3. Then the question of rebuilding the town farm was discussed, and resulted 86 to 5 against the plan. Finally it was voted that the matter be left to the discretion of the selectmen, who have since held jurisdiction.

Among the many public benefactions inaugurated during the centennial year of national independence, was one in which New London people and the Baptist denomination throughout the state were particularly interested. The need of a permanent endowment fund for the benefit of New London institution had been felt keenly for some years, and now her generous-hearted friends and patrons rallied for a special effort in her behalf. In June, 1875, Mrs. Susan (Colby) Colgate made the munificent offer of \$35,000 towards a Centennial Endowment fund, to be kept forever intact for the internal work of the institution, on condition that \$30,000 in addition be raised before July 1, 1877. The board of trustees secured as financial agent, Dea. T. E. Balch of Wakefield, Mass., a New Hampshire man, with deep sympathies for everything pertaining to the interests of his native state. Through his wise administration of the trust the condition was met, and at the quarter-centennial celebration of the opening of the institution, in July, 1878, the occasion was one of great rejoicing. The institution, with its extensive grounds, admirable equipment, and a reputation for twenty-five years' successful work, was placed on a permanent basis. In loving recognition of the one man to whom more than all others the school owes its existence, the name of the institution was made Colby academy. The annual catalogue for 1879 was the first issued under this title, and contained a brief account of the quarter-centennial exercises, a general catalogue of the teachers and alumni, together with the historical address delivered by Dr. George W. Gardner on this occasion.

In 1878, too, action was taken looking towards an appropriate observance of the centennial anniversary of the town's incorporation. The sum of \$300 was appropriated for expenses, and Gen. Luther McCutchins, James E. Shepard, and Nahum

T. Greenwood were made a committee to prepare a suitable programme of exercises. The townspeople entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion, and the one hundredth birthday of this grand hill town, triumphant over all vicissitudes, proud of her record as the mother of successful sons and daughters, was made a noteworthy event. From a carefully preserved copy of the *Kearsarge Sentinel*, published at Wilmot, June 28, 1879, have been gathered the chief incidents of this centennial celebration, surely an important epoch in the annals of a quiet country village.

Of those who have known New London in the rare month of June,—

“When all the trees, on all the hills,
“Open their thousand leaves;”

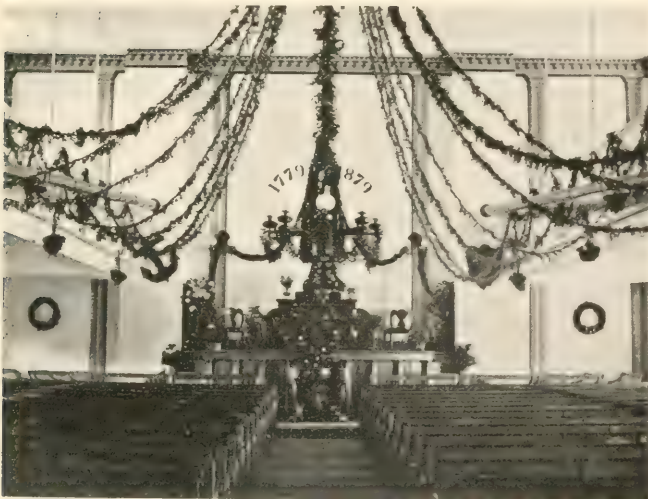
when the lush green fields and even the rocky hill pastures are beautiful with the promise of early summer; when the distant mountains, rearing their lofty summits against the blue of a cloudless sky, are mirrored in the crystal waters of gem-like lakes gleaming in their emerald setting,—surely no one could fail to agree that the town stands unrivalled in its location and environments; that here, if anywhere, are the rare days in June of which Lowell sang, most perfect in their beauty.

Wednesday, June 25, 1879, one hundred years from the date of the town's charter, was a typical day. Many hands had been busily at work, and the hundreds of visitors who thronged the roads from all directions found the town in gala attire. At an early hour a procession was formed, with Gen. Joseph M. Clough as chief marshal and Maj. Anthony C. Burpee as aid. The procession was headed by the Franklin Cornet band, followed by the Messer rifles and school children in barges. Mr. James H. Burpee was in charge of the second division, which included the veterans of the Grand Army of the Republic and citizens and invited guests in carriages. All along the line of march were handsomely decorated houses, and the throngs of people who watched the parade as it marched and counter-marched through the Bethlehem-like main street to the church, were a scene whose like will never perhaps be witnessed here again.

People gathered in the church until it could hold no more. The modest edifice, charming in trailing garnitures of tender



DINNER TENT AT THE TOWN CENTENNIAL.



IN THE CHURCH AT THE TOWN CENTENNIAL.

green that lent an added grace to the severe simplicity of its architectural lines, had itself passed the half-century mark of existence; and there were white-haired fathers and mothers, joyous youth, and prattling childhood,—the extremes and means of life, who had gathered here to celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the town's corporate existence. All were hushed in silence as the grave and dignified master of ceremonies, Gen. Luther McCutchins, called the company to order with a few well-chosen remarks.

The opening number of the programme was an anthem, "Praise the Mighty God," by the choir, the clear, sweet soprano of Mrs. Richard Oren Messer carrying the leading part, with Mrs. Charles A. Everett sustaining the organ accompaniment with marked skill and power. The opening prayer was made by Rev. Dura Morgan of Beverly, Mass., son of Dea. Micajah Morgan. Mr. Morgan also read the following hymn, written for this occasion by Mrs. Susan (Colby) Colgate of New York, which was sung by the choir to music composed by Mrs. Nahum T. Greenwood:

" 1779—CENTENNIAL HYMN—1879.

" The rolling years, O God! are thine,
 " Thou holdst them in thy hand divine;
 " Thou dost their gifts thyself unfold,
 " And show us what their secrets hold.

" We stand in awe to see unroll
 " A Century's gifts, as but a scroll
 " Written with progress yet to be,
 " Grandeur than human eye can see.

" We look behind, and mark the way
 " Thou ledst our Fathers, in the day
 " When young they sought this wooded soil,
 " To gain their homes by honest toil.

" How soon the lonely hills were glad,
 " The desert glooms no more were sad!
 " Sweet blossoms shed their fragrance round
 " And labor rang a gladsome sound.

" Thou, God of love, their burdens bore;
 " On thee they laid them, and no more
 " Their pressure felt—Take ours away,
 " And bless this glad Centennial day!"

General McCutchins then gave a brief address of welcome: The century just closed had witnessed many changes in the material aspect of the town; only the hills and mountains, the lakes and streams retained their original features untouched by the hand of man. Great forests had fallen beneath the sturdy blows of the woodman's axe. Agriculture, the source and basis of all wealth, had done its beneficent work on the virgin soil, and had wrought through the patient industry of long years the wonderful changes which this centennial was intended to commemorate. He feelingly referred to the old-time churchyard, where lay the ashes of the early fathers of the town, long since gathered to their eternal rest. In well-chosen language he bade those who had gathered to honor this natal day, a hearty welcome,—the beautiful surroundings, the church where a living gospel had ever been preached, the hospitable homes and warm hearts of the people, were all theirs to enjoy. He closed by introducing the chief speaker of the day, Judge Everett Sargent of Concord, a member of one of the largest of New London's early families and a native of the town, who was to deliver the historical address.

Judge Sargent's paper was a marvel in its exhaustive treatment of the early and continuous history of the town, much of its charm and value being due to the intimate personal knowledge of people and events possessed by its author, whose early love for his native town had strengthened with his years. Nearly two hours were required for the reading of this valuable and interesting sketch, which was listened to with the most earnest attention. Did the limitations of this present volume permit, the narrative in its entirety might well find place on these pages, but in preparing a detailed history of current events such as has been attempted, many of the leading features of Judge Sargent's address have necessarily been incorporated. The "Granite Monthly," published at Concord, printed the address in full in 1879, and it may also be found in the "History of Merrimack and Belknap Counties," published at Philadelphia in 1885. At an intermission during the delivery Mrs. Frances J. Rogers of Boston, daughter of Joseph Phillips, sang an appropriate selection, and was warmly applauded. Following the conclusion of the address, Mrs. Elizabeth (McCutchins) Blood of Charlestown, Mass., daughter of

General McCutchins, read the following poem, whose smoothly flowing lines and gracefully expressed thoughts are typical of the high degree of ability with which she was so richly endowed :

“NEW LONDON.

“ Fair hills, that still with airs of Eden bloom
 “ In sight of mountain peaks that grandly loom
 “ Along the eastern glory of the sky,
 “ When morning’s rosy chariot wheels draw nigh !
 “ The hills eternal—that in silence deep
 “ O’er all below their watchful vigils keep ;
 “ Low-lying, wood-crowned, sunlit plains,
 “ That from their sources freshen, in sweet rains,
 “ Green valleys, where fair lakes embosomed rest,
 “ Soft picturing cloud and wood on crystal breast :
 “ And over all, skies blue as summer sea.
 “ Beautiful London ! waiting to be—
 “ Ah, lovely London !—not old England’s pride,
 “ But a New London, a New England bride.
 “ Born midst the fragrance of these glorious hills,
 “ Unknown to her the city’s strife and ills.
 “ Her heart is wedded, not to treacherous seas,
 “ Which brought to Venice her rich argosies ;
 “ But, to her mountains’ granite strength allied,
 “ In men, not wealth, she finds her greatest pride.

“ Whose step the echoes first awoke,
 “ On whose eye first the glory broke
 “ Of wood and lake and plain, we may not know ;
 “ But, could fairer been the vision of the promised land
 “ That swept the gaze before
 “ Of Israel’s prophet, as he stood
 “ On lonely mount where none had trod,
 “ And viewed the landscape o’er ?
 “ Their memories we’ll ever bless
 “ Who round this wealth of loveliness
 “ Their boundary lines did throw,
 “ And for our heritage handed down
 “ The town they found—this dear old town—
 “ One hundred years ago !

“ No lightsome task from Nature’s grasp
 “ These lands to wrest, but still they toil :
 “ And dear homes nestle in these dells,
 “ And perch along these wooded swells ;
 “ On furrowed fields the sun lies warm,
 “ On valleys green with vines and corn ;
 “ Mingles with wild, wood-laden air
 “ The fragrance of sweet orchard fair.

"Through forest dense, by woodland rill,
 "The peaceful cattle roam at will,
 "And lake and wood and harvest-field
 "Together of their substance yield.
 "Kind Nature keeps her promise well,
 "Seed-time and harvest never fail.

"Thus peacefully—in sweet content,
 "Glad for the needful blessings sent,
 "For food and raiment, shelter here,
 "For faithful friends their lot to cheer—
 "They lived: blest, for a living trust was there
 "In an Almighty Father's care;
 "And glorious hope their souls possessed
 "Of bliss beyond, and heavenly rest.

"No peal of bell to house of praise
 "The settlers called—through forest ways
 "Silent and dark, where naught disturbed
 "The green repose, save song of bird,
 "Or startled deer as step he heard,
 "With manners grave and plain array
 "To sacred place they wend their way.

"The walls that on the Sabbath echoed words of life,
 "Oft week-days rung with sounds of party strife.
 "For, blending Law and Gospel, underneath
 "They held their court where Sundays they preached wrath.
 "Here, through the summer's heat and winter's cold,
 "With reverent ear they heard things new and old,
 "Ne'er dreamed but they must do what they were told.
 "Nor heat, nor cold, e'er shortened sermons long;
 "No dropping 'verses third and fourth' from song.
 "Prayers there evoked, to souls were something worth:
 "Each asked for all of heaven and all of earth.
 "No organ's voice disturbed the farmers' slumbers,
 "When Deacon Smith told off the psalm in numbers.
 "The only sounding-board the parson knew,
 "Hung over *him*, in sight of high-backed pew.
 "Once, it is said, a viol (bass) came in,
 "But—like the wrath-vials poured on sin—
 "A hundred voices drowned each fiddle thread,
 "And well-nigh smote the hapless fiddler dead.

"How changed, to-day, the garb and form and face
 "Of all but Nature in this lovely place!
 "No more the spinner carols to the jutting beams,
 "No more the blazing backlog lures to cosy dreams.
 "One sky, one sun, one faith, one God;
 "And yet, *our* feet with sandals new are shod.
 "We run with haste where they bent low
 "And sowed and reaped the fields to measures slow.

" Content with hoe and rake where we use steam,
 " They lived a life less like a hurried dream.
 " They spun, they wove, they smote the sod;
 " And looked from Nature up to Nature's God.

" We look to God, but in less simple guise,
 " And grow with our new wisdom overwise.
 " Methinks he drew more close to some old saints
 " Who loved him none the less for their complaints.
 " In quiet valley, on earth's peaceful breast,
 " They sleep in still profounder rest.
 " And others walk these streets, and other eyes
 " Now view the splendor of these sunset skies.

" Still Kearsarge guards, majestic, stern and grand,
 " The eastern portal to the promised land.
 " While westward, Sunapee slopes to meet
 " The waters cool that lave her feet—
 " Blue waters of Lake Sunapee,
 " That oft hath set the seal of Heaven
 " On those who, from their pure depths risen,
 " Have known the bliss of sins forgiven.
 " Broad fields smile upward to the sun,
 " While to the listening ear doth come
 " The anvil's ring, the mill-wheel's hum.
 " Ours larger homes, around which cling
 " The graces wealth and art can bring.
 " A broader culture here, for him who wills
 " To rise to level of the hills.
 " Forever green the memory be
 " Of him whose hand first touched the key
 " To newer life and larger thought!
 " His face, alas! we see it not.
 " His face, with lines of firmness wrought,
 " Yet touched and softened, nevertheless,
 " 'With grace of Christian gentleness.'
 " True and tender, brave and just,
 " Worthy, of town and state, the trust.
 " The Lord his own doth safely keep,
 " 'He giveth his beloved sleep.'

" Forgotten not our dead, whose graves are strown
 " From where our forests make perpetual moan
 " To those fair shores where smiling southern seas
 " Give back soft murmurs to the fragrant breeze.
 " Brave hearts, to God and country true! in them
 " The old heroic spirit lived again:
 " A land at peace tells it lived not in vain.

" Ring out, O bells, exultant, wild, and free!
 " O banners, wave your bright folds cheerily!
 " Let bugles blow, the organ's swell prolong,
 " Sweet voices raise the glad triumphant song!

“ Let fields rejoice, the hills in gladness wake,
“ In waves of song the dancing waters break !
“ Let blue skies smile, and flowers their fragrance lend,
“ Wealth of the woods in fadeless beauty blend !
“ And thus, in one glad jubilee
“ Embalm the dear old century,
“ And crown afresh this new Centennial year
“ With glories brighter than all others wear.”

This portion of the day's exercises was closed by the choir's singing "Strike the Cymbal!" The procession then reformed, and marched to the great tent which had been erected on the academy grounds, where a bountiful dinner, such as New London housewives have ever been famous for preparing, was served to about two thousand persons. A fine collation was also laid in the town hall for the soldiers, band, and prominent guests. At four o'clock people again gathered at the church, and listened to brief remarks by townsmen and former residents. A conservative estimate places the number of visitors at twenty-five hundred, and New Londoners may well be proud of the fitting celebration attending their Centennial anniversary.

The warrant for 1879 contains the first action looking to a publication of the early history of the town, also for the establishment and maintenance of a public library; and these matters were thereafter inserted in each annual warrant, though definite consideration or action was not accorded either question until more than a decade later. The annual town report issued this year was for the first time signed by the treasurer, Leonard P. Gould, instead of the selectmen, as had been the custom of preceding years.

May 5, 1881, according to a record spread on the town books, there was sufficient snow in the highway near the Springfield line to stall a two-horse team, the wagon sinking to the axle and nearly two hours being consumed in getting the team clear. On the main road there was fairly good sleighing the first day of May, and in unexposed places the snow lingered until late in the month. Another record for this year, under date of July 16, is the deposition of Theodore R. Shear of New York, and of Dr. George P. Quackenbos, also of New York, relative to an accident near the bridge at Hominy Pot, owing to a defective highway. This matter was settled by the payment of \$1,200 on the part of the town; but it will always

be a source of regret to those who knew and honored the late George Payn Quackenbos, LL. D., one of the most eminent and cultured scholars of his day, that he should receive a fatal injury in the town which his family has done so much to benefit.

Up to 1882 the public highways had always been under the care of a board of surveyors, one for each of the nineteen districts, and a certain proportion of the highway tax could be "worked out" by individual labor. This year the board of surveyors was chosen as usual; then a motion was offered that the road tax for both summer and winter should be paid in money, and an agent appointed to take charge of the highways. It may be supposed that such an innovation on long-established custom would provoke strong opposition, but the measure was carried, 48 to 43; it was voted to dispense with the services of highway surveyors for the ensuing year, and Nathaniel Knowlton was appointed road agent. From 1889 to 1892 there was a return to the old plan, but the wisdom of the new method had been sufficiently demonstrated to insure the permanent adoption of the agency plan in the last named year. The purchase of a road machine at an expense of \$250 in 1890, of two snow rollers costing \$160 in 1892, and two additional rollers in 1895, has increased the efficiency of the system, and the excellent roads now maintained by the town are the best possible proof of the wisdom of this change.

In June, 1884, a town clock was installed in the church belfry, the gift of Gen. Luther McCutchins and Mark Nelson. At the annual meeting of the following year the town clerk was instructed to prepare a set of resolutions thanking the donors for their timely gift, and to present a copy to General McCutchins and the family of Mr. Nelson. The treasurer's report for the year ending March 1, 1885, shows the town free and clear of all indebtedness (aside from the ministerial fund of \$1,323.33, held by the treasurer for the town), with assets of \$1,178.87. At that year's annual meeting Nahum T. Greenwood and George M. Knight were made a committee to see if the town could legally hold in trust this ministerial fund and pay yearly interest. This committee reported in 1886, and a resolution was offered to the effect that the town appoint an agent to receive the fund from the town treasurer, the agent so

appointed to invest the said fund according to his best judgment. This resolution was adopted, and Nahum T. Greenwood was appointed agent. March 1, 1888, the annual report shows the town's assets to be in excess of this fund liability by \$42.73. In succeeding years, ending with March 1, 1895, the reports continue to show a surplus, but since that date the construction of a new highway along the easterly shore of Lake Pleasant and the opening of a shorter and easier route to Lake Sunapee from the Burpee hill road, have involved heavy expense. The treasurer's report for the fiscal year of 1897 gives the actual liabilities as \$5,940.73.

The annual meeting of 1888 was on the day of the great blizzard that swept over the northern part of New England, Tuesday, March 12. Only 27 voters were able to reach the town house, and the session was not a long one. It was two days before the stage road was open, and the outer districts were snowbound for a week. In November, 1889, the warrant for the biennial meeting contained an article asking a vote from the town towards furnishing new uniforms for the New London Cornet band, which was then in process of organization. This measure was carried, the town furnishing money to buy the uniforms, which were to be loaned to the band. Charles W. Gay, Edwin F. Messer for the selectmen, and Fred Goings for the band, were made a committee to purchase the uniforms, which were secured at an expense of \$310.60. The red-letter event of the year 1888 was the centennial celebration of the founding of the church. The historical address by Rev. George W. Gardner, D. D., acting pastor of the church, and other papers pertaining to the occasion, are given in full in another portion of this volume. From a printed report of the exercises of the day the following abridged account is taken :

Tuesday, October 23, 1888, was a day bright and beautiful without,—a representative autumnal day, with its unclouded sky, its bracing air, and its brilliant array of purple, red, and gold in the shaded lawn and leafy forest. If the forefathers, holding the horoscope of the century, could have arranged the beginning with a view to the end, they could not have made a more auspicious selection for this centennial day in the church life. At two in the afternoon a large assembly—present and past members of the church, citizens, and visitors, gathered in

the church, which loving hands had garnished with the fairest of Nature's handiwork. Three of the five living ex-pastors were present—Rev. Ebenezer Dodge, D. D., president of Madison university, New York, Rev. Henry F. Lane of Winchester, Mass., and Rev. F. D. Blake of Wickford, R. I.,—Rev. Lucien Hayden, D. D., of Concord, and Rev. S. C. Fletcher of Dexter, Maine, being represented by letters. The choir, under the leadership of Anthony C. Burpee, with his chorister's record of more than forty years, was in its place, and Mrs. Angeline Everett of Providence, R. I., formerly of Colby academy and organist of the church, rendered the organ prelude.

Following the invocation by Rev. De Forrest Safford of Danbury, Nahum T. Greenwood, presiding officer of the day, extended a hearty welcome to those who had gathered to participate in the centennial exercises. The anthem, "Oh, Praise the Mighty God!" was then sung by the choir, and appropriate selections of Scripture were read by Rev. A. Chipman of Campton. Rev. N. F. Tilden of Lebanon offered a tender and earnest prayer of thanksgiving for the past, of supplication for the present, and of petition for the future of this ancient church. At the close of the historical address, the choir and audience united in singing the following hymn, written for this occasion by Dr. Gardner:

"CENTENNIAL HYMN.

" Our fathers' God and ours,
 " With all our ransomed powers
 " We Thee adore!
 " Thy presence may we have!
 " Thy blessing now we crave!
 " Thy pardoning grace to save
 " We now implore!

" Thou hidest all thy flock
 " Within the riven Rock
 " In storm and stress!
 " Then in Thy verdant meads
 " Each sheep Thy bounty feeds,—
 " By streams Thy Spirit leads
 " Of quietness!

" Thou here didst build this fold
 " In distant days of old,
 " With Christ the Door!

“ Thy people, freed from sin,
“ By faith have entered in,—
“ This to their souls has been
“ A rest before !

“ We celebrate to-day
“ The wonderful display
“ Of grace Thine own !
“ Grace to our goodly land !
“ Grace to our living band !
“ Grace to our host who stand
“ Before Thy throne !

“ One hundred glorious suns !
“ May yet more glorious ones
“ Shine with Thy love !
“ Preserve this flock from harm !
“ These lambs keep from alarm !
“ Thy holy Shepherd Arm
“ Fold us above !”

An interesting sketch of the old-time Woman's Missionary society was then read by its author, Mrs. J. Maria (Burpee) Greenwood, and a fresh and charming paper entitled “Reminiscences of the Choir,” was read by Mrs. Ida Pike. At the close of this portion of the exercises the audience adjourned to the town house, where a bountiful collation was served under the direction of James E. Shepard, chairman of the entertainment committee, assisted by ladies of the church and town. This, together with a social gathering in the church an hour later, gave opportunity for general congratulation and good cheer. The evening services were of an informal character. Rev. E. M. Fuller of Canaan offered prayer, the choir sang several antique selections, and brief addresses were made by the ex-pastors, followed by letters from absent friends, and a greeting from the church in North Attleboro, Mass., from which Elder Seamans had come to found this church in the wilderness. The exercises of the evening and of the centennial anniversary were closed with prayer and the apostolic benediction, after singing the following hymn, written for the occasion by Mrs. Addie (Messer) Fellows of New London :

“ Our grateful hearts to God we raise
“ In adoration, love, and praise ;
“ His grace hath led us all the way
“ To this, our glad Centennial day.



JOHN P. ELKINS, M. D.

“ Our former pastors here we greet,
“ And absent friends again we meet.
“ Together let us join to sing
“ The loving kindness of our King.

“ Dear ones have fallen by the way ;
“ We miss their faces here to-day ;—
“ But death to them no terror gave ;
“ They trusted Jesus’ power to save.

“ Lord, may we consecrated be,
“ And spend our lives in serving Thee ;
“ Then, with our mission here complete,
“ Above, with Christ, may we all meet !”

The last decade of town history is marked by but few important events, and may be briefly summarized. The closing of the scythe works in the spring of 1889 was a severe blow to the business interests of the town. The once thriving hamlet of Scytheville has little but its intrinsic beauty of location to attract newcomers, though a few smaller industries are still carried on. During the summer season its cosey, hospitable homes are filled to overflowing with guests who enjoy the attractive surroundings and the facilities for boating and fishing afforded by Lake Pleasant. In July, 1896, the name of this village was changed to Elkins, in honor of the late Dr. John P. Elkins, whose widow has done so much in late years to improve the natural beauty of the place.

At the annual meeting in 1891 the question of the preparation and publication of a town history was brought up and discussed, and as a result the town voted to instruct the selectmen to attend to the preparation of a suitable history, a sum of \$300 to be raised for that purpose the current year. For repairs on the fences and grounds at the cemetery \$100 was appropriated. In 1892, with a view to securing permanent and substantial sidewalks, \$300 was appropriated for the purchase of granite slabs, and an equal sum the following year. This granite walk at present extends from Four Corners to the grounds of the brick academy. Repairing and improving the town house, or building a new one, was another topic of discussion in 1892, and the following were a committee to consider the matter and recommend the best way of providing what was needed: Capt. A. J. Sargent, George M. Knight, Anthony C. Burpee, Capt.

Charles Woodward, Amos H. Whipple. In 1893 the town house was thoroughly repaired and the interior fittings greatly improved at an expense of \$803.39. Although the sense of the voters in 1893 was for indefinite postponement in the erection of a new town house, it is, nevertheless, greatly to be desired that a brick or stone structure, commodious, and adapted to the growing needs of the town, should replace the present building at an early date.

The stately and valuable brick academy, dedicated with such loving pride in 1872, was totally destroyed by fire on Monday, April 25, 1892. Early in the afternoon the students started on their annual excursion to the Sutton woods for Mayflowers, and just before their return at six o'clock fire was discovered breaking through the partitions on the upper floor of the dormitory. All efforts to check the spread of the flames were unavailing, and ready hands quickly lent themselves to saving all the furnishings possible. The library, chapel furniture, and much that was valuable on the lower floors, were removed safely. It was only a few hours before the beautiful structure had become a vast heap of smoking ruins. The fire was visible for miles around, and the danger to adjacent buildings made it an anxious time for all concerned. The students were hospitably cared for by townspeople that night, and the following day the "Heidelberg" (the "ladies' boarding-house" in the '50s and '60s), which was under lease as a summer hotel, was opened for the accommodation of the lady students and teachers. The day after the fire school exercises were suspended, but on Wednesday the regular routine of work was taken up in the old academy building, where it has since been carried on. The years succeeding the fire have not been favorable financially to rebuilding the brick academy, but existing accommodations have been utilized and improved so that the school at present enjoys cosey and homelike surroundings on the former academy grounds. A new gymnasium, thoroughly equipped, was built in 1894.

In 1893 the question of establishing a free public library was brought up, but was passed over. Again, in 1896, the matter was agitated, and this time was successfully consummated, the town voting to accept the \$100 aid offered by the state under *Chap. 8, s. 21-28*, of the Public Statutes, and appropriating



COLBY ACADEMY. THE HEIDELBERG. COLBY HALL (THE FIRST MEETING-HOUSE).

\$25 in addition. A board of trustees, consisting of James P. Dixon, Mary E. Burpee, and George W. Gile, were chosen to serve three years, two years, and one year respectively. No special action was taken by this committee in 1896, but public interest was slowly growing in favor of the library, and the following spring, with the election of Dr. John D. Quackenbos as trustee, a little energetic work on the part of a few earnest believers in the plan resulted in an actual establishment of the library. The books and working outfit offered by the state were promptly secured, rooms were engaged in Grange hall, and the trustees having chosen Edward O. Lord as librarian, the library was opened to the public on April 10, 1897. During the summer gifts of books were solicited, and the response was most generous. The librarian's report for the year ending February 1, 1898, showed a total of 1,072 volumes in the library, of which 80 per cent. were gifts. During this time the circulation was 1,199 volumes, the rooms being open Wednesday evening and Saturday afternoon of each week. At the annual meeting in 1898, Dr. John D. Quackenbos, reporting for the trustees, was accorded a vote of thanks for his valuable service during the year, and in further recognition an appropriation of \$100 for the maintenance of the library, in addition to the amount required by law, was promptly and almost unanimously voted. A branch library was opened at Elkins in April, 1898, under the care of Mrs. Clara (Messer) Thurston, and is much appreciated. Through the kindness of Mrs. Jane A. Tracy the library now enjoys an annual subscription to several of the leading periodicals. Among other valuable gifts during the year, one of special interest is the donation of about 50 volumes belonging to the Social library organized in 1801 [173], which were given by Misses Sarah and Elizabeth Brown, granddaughters of Josiah Brown, the first librarian. With the steady growth of interest in the library, present quarters will soon be outgrown, and this presents an opportunity for some generous son or daughter of the town to erect a suitable building for its use, and thus provide for the reading-room so much needed.

The annual town meeting, as well as that for the election of state officials on November 6, 1894, are noteworthy from the fact that these are the only occasions in the town annals where

it is recorded that the meeting was opened with prayer. Whatever may have been the custom since the first gathering of the town fathers at 'Squire Messer's in 1779, these are certainly the only times the town clerk has seen fit to record the circumstance. The November meeting of 1894 is also memorable for the long balloting necessary for election. According to the records the meeting opened at ten o'clock, "continued balloting until one o'clock p. m., voted to adjourn 45 minutes for dinner, voted to adjourn at half-past four thirty minutes for supper, met again at five o'clock, and continued to ballot," until, finally, at an unnoted hour the meeting adjourned "without date."

The people of the West Part, and the community in general, are especially indebted to the thoughtful kindness of Mrs. Jane A. Tracy, who at her own expense placed the historic graveyard of that neighborhood in perfect order, and surrounded it with a substantial stone wall. The accompanying engraving shows the enclosure as it is to-day. This is only one of many neighborly favors quietly and unostentatiously done by Mrs. Tracy, whose beautiful summer home, "Willow Farm," is a model country residence. At the annual meeting in 1895 the town clerk was instructed to place the following resolution on record:

"*Resolved*, that the thanks of the Town are hereby tendered "to Mr. and Mrs. James J. Tracy for their interest manifested "in the Town, and for their generosity displayed in the improvements made in the West Part burial-ground."

In 1896 the selectmen were authorized to expend \$150 in the purchase of a safe for the preservation of town books and papers. The Merrimack County Telephone company petitioned for leave to string wires from North Sutton through New London village to George's Mills in Sunapee. This line, in addition to the Potter Place line, which was installed in the early '80s, together with the introduction of the long-distance telephone, afford an avenue of communication with the outer world that is appreciated by summer guests and townspeople alike. Another step in touch with modern thinking was the appointment, in 1897, of a board of health, consisting of Dr. Charles A. Lamson, Willard C. Leonard, and Edwin A. Jones. Mr. Jones declining to serve, Dr. John D. Quackenbos was



WEST PART BURIAL-GROUND.

appointed in his stead. The chief interest of the annual meeting in 1897 centered in the following article :

“To see if the town will vote to raise a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars, and appropriate the same for the purpose of making the regular courses of study in Colby academy free to the children, of suitable age and attainments, of the citizens of the town, according to authority granted in Public Statutes, *Chap. 89, s. 2.*”

After some discussion it was voted to substitute in place of the above article one reading as follows :

“That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated, in addition to the appropriation for the school fund required by law, to be used, or not to be used, by the school district in contracting with trustees of Colby academy.”

This article was adopted finally ; and it is to the credit of the town that the closing record of its annals should be one looking to the securing of free high school privileges for the children of its citizens : a fitting consummation of the spirit of progress inaugurated by the fathers one hundred and twenty years ago.

In a careful review of the reports of the superintending school committee (published annually in connection with the town treasurer's report), it is interesting to note the universal desire for the best possible advantages for the rising generation. In the earlier reports the work of each teacher is fairly, even if frankly, criticised, parents and children receiving due admonition as well when found wanting in the mutual responsibility. The town has been generous in its provisions for schooling purposes, and the buildings now in use are comfortably fitted and modernly equipped. In accordance with state law, the several districts are now administered as one, under the supervision of a board of education, one of its three members being elected annually to serve for three years. While strictly graded schools are impracticable, excellent work is nevertheless accomplished, and it is a matter of congratulation that in the appointment of teachers the employment of home talent is the rule and not the exception. The amount appropriated for school purposes in 1898, including \$1,000 for Academy tuition, was \$1,925. The value of the school property in 1886, at the consolidation of the districts, was \$2,143.49.

The public census gives the population of the town as 875 in 1880, and 799 in 1890. The valuation of the town April 1, 1898, is shown by the following inventory, returned by the selectmen :

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF NEW LONDON APRIL 1, 1898.

Description.	Number.	Valuation.
Polls	207	\$20,700
Real Estate		280,275
Horses	300	15,251
Oxen	63	2,835
Cows	461	11,909
Other neat stock	181	3,223
Sheep	236	672
Fowls	50	20
Carriages	31	2,120
Stock in public funds		5,100
Stock in banks		1,050
Stock in trade		8,675
Money on hand and at interest		31,003
Total valuation		\$382,833

Rate, \$1.75 on \$100.

Amount of taxes assessed, \$6,703.37.

C. W. GAY, } *Selectmen*
 F. W. TODD, } *of*
 E. F. SARGENT, } *New London.*

Those taxpayers whose invoice exceeded \$5,000 in value were,—Charles W. Bucklin, Oren D. Crockett, Martha E. Colby, Susan F. Colgate, Susan A. Herrick, Austin Morgan, John D. Quackenbos, James E. Shepard, Amos H. Whipple. The whole number of real-estate owners, exclusive of non-residents, was 200, of whom 37 were women. The list of town officials which follows brings to a close the fifth and present historical period of the town of New London :

TOWN OFFICERS FROM 1876 TO 1898.

Moderators.

1876.—March, Nahum T. Greenwood.

1877.—March, N. T. Greenwood ; Oct. 2, Andrew J. Kidder.

1878-1879.—N. T. Greenwood.

1880.—March, A. J. Kidder; Nov. 2, N. T. Greenwood.

1881-1887.—John K. Law.

1888.—March 12, Anthony C. Burpee.

1889.—March, John K. Law.

1890.—March 14, John K. Law; March 18, Daniel E. Colby.

1891-1898.—John K. Law.

Town Clerks.

1876-1893, George Woodward; 1894, H. M. Fales; 1895-1896, Reo E. Farwell; 1897, R. E. Farwell, Herman S. Adams; 1898, H. S. Adams.

Treasurers.

1878, Leonard P. Gould; 1879-1891, Daniel E. Colby; 1892, George Woodward; 1893, Baxter Gay; 1894, Charles W. Gordon; 1895-1898, Oren D. Crockett.

Selectmen.

1876-1877.—Leonard P. Gould, N. Addison Parker, Seth Littlefield.

1878-1879.—L. P. Gould, Charles W. Gay, William A. Messer.

1880-1881.—Luther McCutchins, Charles Whitney, Joseph H. Messer.

1882.—C. W. Gay, Mark Nelson, Frank P. Messer.

1883.—C. W. Gay, F. P. Messer, James D. Prescott.

1884.—C. W. Gay, J. D. Prescott, Nathaniel Messer.

1885.—C. W. Gay, Nathaniel Messer, John D. Pingree.

1886.—C. W. Gay, J. D. Pingree, Frank Knowlton.

1887.—C. W. Gay, Frank Knowlton, Isaac Lovering.

1888-1889.—C. W. Gay, Edwin F. Messer, Edward A. Todd.

1890-1891.—C. W. Gay, Jacob H. Todd, William S. Carter.

1892-1893.—C. W. Gay, Abel F. Boynton, Fred O. Prescott.

1894.—Charles A. Todd, Mason W. Emery, Frank M. Stanley.

1895-1896.—C. W. Gay, John K. Law, James F. Hayes.

1897.—J. K. Law, J. F. Hayes, Sidney M. Pedrick.

1898.—C. W. Gay, Frank W. Todd, Edgar F. Sargent.

Representatives to the General Court.

1876–1877, Charles C. Phillips; 1878–1879, Luther McCutchins; 1881, Daniel E. Colby; 1883, J. Sherman Phillips; 1885, Charles Woodward; 1887, Charles Whitney; 1889, Ransom F. Sargent; 1891, Charles W. Gay; 1893, George Woodward; 1895, Fred Farwell; 1897, Edwin P. Burpee, Joseph M. Clough; 1899, John K. Law.

Tax Collectors.

1876, Daniel M. Annis; 1877, D. M. Annis, Henry R. Gates; 1878–1883, Job C. Cross; 1884–1885, Charles S. Whitney; 1886–1888, J. C. Cross; 1889, Jacob H. Todd; 1890–1891, Isaac J. Lovering; 1892–1898, Asa N. Todd.

Auditors.

1876–1877.—Nahum T. Greenwood, Edwin A. Jones.

1878–1880.—N. T. Greenwood, George M. Knight.

1881–1882.—N. T. Greenwood, James E. Shepard.

1883–1887.—N. T. Greenwood, G. M. Knight.

1888.—N. T. Greenwood, J. E. Shepard.

1889–1891.—G. M. Knight, Anthony C. Burpee.

1892.—G. M. Knight, Charlton M. Woodbury.

1893.—G. M. Knight, E. A. Jones.

1894.—A. C. Burpee, E. A. Jones.

1895.—Edwin P. Burpee, E. A. Jones.

1896.—E. A. Jones, John D. Pingree.

1897–1898.—Willie M. Knowlton, Elmer E. Adams.

Sealers of Weights and Measures.

1876–1891, 1893–1895, 1897–1898, John M. Dow; 1892, 1896, Frank O. Dow.

Sexton.

1876–1884, F. O. Dow; 1885–1887, J. Smiley Bohanan; 1888–1891, E. P. Burpee; 1892, Charles E. Shepard; 1895–1897, J. S. Bohanan; 1898, J. Franklin P. Call.

Surveyors of Wood, Bark, and Lumber.

1876, N. A. Parker, O. K. Russell, N. T. Greenwood, Thomas Davis, J. G. Everett, James M. Pike, G. M. Knight, Charles Woodward; 1877, O. K. Russell, A. Nelson Todd, Charles A. Everett, Charles Woodward, N. A. Parker, G. M. Knight, J. M. Pike; 1878, O. K. Russell, E. A. Jones, N. A. Parker, Thomas Davis, Charles Woodward, Elbridge Sargent, C. A. Everett, G. M. Knight, George Peabody; 1879, A. N. Todd, E. A. Jones, Thomas Davis, G. M. Knight, C. A. Everett, Charles Woodward, Morrison Blood, Andrew J. Kidder, George Peabody, Charles Pingree; 1880, E. A. Jones, John K. Law, Charles Woodward, A. N. Todd, Hiram Sargent, John W. Taylor, J. M. Clough, Thomas Davis, Nathaniel Knowlton, Almon B. Whittier; 1881, James F. Hayes, Charles Woodward, C. A. Everett, G. M. Knight, G. F. Peabody, Thomas Davis; 1882, Morrison Blood, G. M. Knight, J. E. Shepard, Nathaniel Knowlton, E. A. Jones, A. N. Todd; 1883, Nathaniel Knowlton, Thomas Davis, J. E. Shepard, Charles Woodward, Morrison Blood, E. A. Jones, Stephen J. Dean, Frank P. Messer; 1884, Morrison Blood, Nathaniel Knowlton, G. M. Knight, A. N. Todd, Charlton W. Woodbury, J. E. Shepard; 1885, Morrison Blood, Charles F. Putney, E. A. Jones, Charles Woodward, Nathaniel Knowlton; 1886, G. M. Knight, Morrison Blood, Charles Woodward, J. F. Hayes, Nathaniel Knowlton, A. N. Todd, E. A. Jones, Edwin P. Burpee, J. E. Shepard; 1887, A. N. Todd, Morrison Blood, Charles Woodward, Nathaniel Knowlton, C. A. Todd, J. E. Shepard, E. A. Jones, G. M. Knight; 1888, A. N. Todd, G. M. Knight, J. E. Shepard, Mark B. Means, Morrison Blood, Francis E. Derby, E. A. Jones; 1889, Morrison Blood, G. M. Knight, Edward A. Todd, E. A. Jones, J. E. Shepard; 1890, Morrison Blood, E. A. Todd, J. E. Shepard, C. A. Todd, Charles S. Whitney, G. M. Knight; 1891, G. M. Knight, E. A. Todd, Morrison Blood, J. E. Shepard, A. J. Sargent; 1892, E. A. Jones, Frank Todd, G. M. Knight, J. E. Shepard, E. A. Todd, Morrison Blood, J. F. Hayes, F. P. Messer, William S. Carter, Baxter Gay, A. N. Todd; 1893, E. A. Jones, J. F. Hayes, Henry E. Quimby, F. P. Messer, G. M. Knight, Charles Woodward, Morrison Blood, Edwin F.

Goings, M. W. Emery; 1894, Charles Woodward, M. W. Emery, Morrison Blood, E. F. Goings, E. A. Todd, Charles E. Shepard; 1895, J. F. Hayes, A. N. Todd, Morrison Blood, C. A. Todd, G. M. Knight; 1896, M. W. Emery, J. F. Hayes, C. A. Todd, E. F. Goings, E. A. Todd, J. E. Shepard, A. J. Kidder; 1897, J. F. Hayes, G. M. Knight, J. E. Shepard, H. M. Fales, E. F. Goings, M. W. Emery, J. D. Prescott, Charles Woodward; 1898, M. W. Emery, George Thurston, Lewis Brisbin, H. E. Quimby, E. A. Jones.

Fence Viewers.

1876, H. M. Fales, C. A. Everett, E. Sargent Putney; 1877, N. A. Parker, Daniel S. Seamans, E. P. Burpee; 1878, Nathaniel Messer, N. Columbus Knowlton; 1879, J. M. Clough, William A. Messer, J. E. Shepard; 1880, J. M. Clough, W. A. Messer, J. K. Law; 1881, J. D. Pingree, Harry Greenwood, John Seamans; 1882, Job Cross, N. C. Todd, Luther McCutchins; 1883, N. C. Todd, J. M. Clough, D. E. Colby; 1884, J. D. Pingree, Elmer E. Adams, Fred Morgan; 1885, Charles R. Hayes, Harrison B. Williams, Benjamin Merrill; 1886, Belden Morgan, Oscar W. Brownell; 1887, David Smith, Austin Morgan, John W. Morse; 1888, Stephen Messer, Herman J. Currier, D. E. Colby; 1889, Benjamin Everett, Belden Morgan, H. J. Currier; 1890, John M. Messer, Nathaniel Messer, James D. Prescott; 1891, Nathaniel Knowlton, A. N. Todd, J. D. Pingree; 1892, Baxter Gay, J. E. Shepard, Richard Morgan; 1893, Abial Everett, Edwin A. Dean, Nathaniel Knowlton; 1894, F. P. Messer, J. D. Prescott, J. E. Shepard; 1895, F. P. Messer, J. D. Prescott, W. M. Knowlton; 1896, Ira S. Littlefield, M. W. Emery, W. M. Knowlton; 1898, I. S. Littlefield, Benton M. Stanley, Ai Worthen.

Hogreeves.

1877, Isaac Lovering, F. P. Call, Frank Heath, H. B. Swett, A. C. Philbrick; 1878, H. A. Russell, Robert Davis, Ai Worthen, Edwin F. Hastings, George Farnum; 1879, Frank Knowlton, H. B. Williams, Frank W. Todd, Frank P. Jewett, Abel F. Boynton; 1880, J. M. Clough, J. K. Law, Hiram Gay; 1881, Micajah Morgan, J. C. Herrick, Frank

Robie, Alvin F. Messer, Thomas Farwell, Augustus Putney ; 1882, Frank J. Peaslee, Sanford Fisher, George Eastman, Elmer Rothwell, George Williams, John H. Lorden ; 1883, Job C. Cross, Albert Huntoon ; 1884, John W. Morse, J. S. Phillips, Anthony Emerson, A. Jay Messer, Newton Sargent, Lowell Ray ; 1885, R. E. Farwell, William Chase ; 1886, F. O. Prescott, O. D. Crockett, R. F. Smith, J. F. Hayes ; 1887, Warren Lewis, Edwin Folsom, Lowell Ray, Harry Greenwood, Everett Messer, Luther Ray, Eli Messer ; 1888, Edgar Sargent ; 1889, Mark Sleeper, C. E. Shepard, B. Frank Merrill ; 1890, Lowell Ray, E. A. Dean, Charles Davis ; 1891, Charles Adams, H. M. Whittier ; 1892, W. M. Knowlton, Charles Wells ; 1893, Edward J. Sholes, Elwin Pingree, Levi Sanborn, Charles I. Brown ; 1894, Frank Pressey, Frank Knowlton, Arthur Holmes ; 1895, Allen O. Crane, Charles F. Putney, Frank S. Shepard, Bayard N. McFarland, Sidney M. Pedrick, Ernest Williams ; 1896, J. D. Pingree, H. S. Adams, E. E. Adams, Fred Hunt, Frank Hunt ; 1897, Archie Hayes, Milo Bucklin ; 1898, Frank Stanley, Fred Gay, Newton Sargent, Evarts Messer, Benjamin Sargent, Elwin A. Pingree.

Highway Surveyors.

1876.—Amos Hastings, Frank Pike, E. A. Todd, Horace Clark, B. M. Stanley, H. W. Putney, G. W. Sargent, A. C. Philbrick, J. E. Shepard, C. S. Whitney, J. H. Messer, L. P. Gould, H. B. Williams, Nathaniel Messer, A. C. Burpee, H. M. Fales, David Smith, J. G. Everett.

1877.—Augustus Preston, Austin Goings, F. P. Jewett, E. A. Todd, W. P. Kimball, B. M. Stanley, Fred Lull, N. D. Pingree, James Morgan, Austin Morgan, Moses Haskins, W. A. Messer, L. P. Gould, H. B. Williams, John W. Taylor, A. C. Burpee, F. W. Todd, E. A. Jones, George P. Sholes.

1878.—John Messer, Thomas Law, Frank Davis, E. A. Todd, W. P. Kimball, B. M. Stanley, Moses Messer, G. W. Craft, Jr., A. J. Kidder, J. E. Shepard, H. H. Longley, Joseph C. Adams, Levi Sanborn, H. B. Williams, Sanford Fisher, A. C. Burpee, Jacob H. Todd, E. A. Jones, Daniel Bickford.

1879.—Edmund Davis, Robert Davis, Amos B. Currier, Belden Morgan, Horace Clark, Reo A. Farwell, Moses Messer, G. W. Craft, A. J. Kidder, Austin Morgan, C. S. Whitney, Hiram Sargent, B. Emery Burpee, H. B. Williams, J. W. Taylor, A. C. Burpee, Adelbert Messer, E. A. Jones, G. P. Sholes.

1880.—Augustus Preston, J. K. Law, George F. Peabody, Belden Morgan, N. C. Todd, Frank Knowlton, Sargent Putney, G. W. Craft, A. Burpee Pillsbury, J. E. Shepard, Moses Haskins, Charles C. Pingree, L. P. Gould, H. B. Williams, Michael Davis, Daniel Seamans, John W. Morse, E. A. Jones, G. M. Knight.

1881.—John Messer, Norman B. Adams, George Peabody, Belden Morgan, N. C. Todd, Frank Knowlton, Moses Messer, Willis J. Sargent, A. J. Kidder, J. E. Shepard, H. H. Longley, Walter Pingree, C. W. Gay, H. B. Williams, Nathaniel Messer, A. C. Burpee, J. W. Morse, Benjamin Everett, G. P. Sholes.

1889.—Augustus Preston, Benjamin Merrill, F. P. Jewett, Fred Morgan, J. S. Bohanan, Frank Knowlton, H. W. Putney, Seth Littlefield, Abial Everett, Forrest Smith, C. S. Whitney, J. F. Hayes, Levi Sanborn, F. P. Messer, Page Messer, Alvin F. Messer, O. D. Crockett, Benjamin Everett, G. M. Knight.

1890.—Augustus Preston, E. F. Hastings, F. P. Jewett, Belden Morgan, George Williams, B. M. Stanley, Moses Messer, George R. McFarland, A. Jay Messer, Forrest Smith, C. S. Whitney, Walter Pingree, Frank P. Sargent, F. P. Messer, Morrison Blood, A. F. Messer, Fred O. Prescott, Benjamin Everett, G. M. Knight.

1891.—Augustus Preston, F. P. Jewett, Belden Morgan, Edward W. Kimball, Newton Sargent, Charles F. Putney, N. C. Todd, W. S. Messer, Forrest Smith, Moses Haskins, Walter E. Pingree, F. P. Sargent, H. B. Williams, Morrison Blood, A. F. Messer, J. H. Todd, Warren S. Bickford, Charles W. Gordon.

Road Agents.

1882-1883, Nathaniel Knowlton; 1884, Charles W. Gay; 1885-1887, A. Nelson Todd; 1888, Belden Morgan; 1892-

1895, E. A. Todd, C. E. Shepard; 1896, C. E. Shepard, Fred Farwell, Benjamin Everett; 1897, Fred O. Prescott; 1898, C. E. Shepard.

Fish and Game Wardens.

1876, Amos Hastings; 1879, Stephen J. Dean; 1884, Ransom F. Sargent, J. K. Law; 1885, J. E. Shepard, A. C. Burpee; 1886, F. P. Jewett, Frank Davis; 1887, Austin Goings, Baxter Gay; 1888, J. K. Law, Nathaniel Knowlton; 1889, R. F. Sargent, F. P. Jewett; 1890, Frank Davis, B. F. Merrill; 1892, R. F. Sargent, Gilman S. Whitney, Edgar F. Sargent; 1893, J. F. Hayes, E. F. Sargent, Nathaniel Knowlton, F. S. Shepard; 1894, R. F. Sargent, Roger Williams, J. F. Hayes, M. W. Emery; 1895, E. F. Sargent, Benjamin F. Sargent, Eugene C. Derby; 1896, E. C. Derby, R. F. Sargent, J. F. Hayes, W. S. Bickford; 1897, J. D. Pingree, A. O. Crane, Benjamin Everett; 1898, J. F. Hayes, Frank Roberts.

Constables.

1889, A. Jay Messer, F. P. Jewett, Richard Morgan, Benjamin G. Everett, J. K. Law, B. M. Stanley; 1890, A. Jay Messer, Richard Morgan, B. G. Everett, B. M. Stanley, Morrison Blood, F. P. Jewett; 1892, Richard Morgan, Frank Knowlton, Morrison Blood, B. G. Everett, F. P. Jewett; 1893, Morrison Blood, Frank Knowlton, B. G. Everett, Henry E. Quimby; 1894, Richard Morgan, Frank Knowlton, A. Jay Messer; 1895, Frank Knowlton, Morrison Blood, Richard Morgan, A. Jay Messer, C. S. Whitney; 1896, Frank Knowlton, Frank M. Stanley, Richard Morgan, Sidney M. Pedrick, A. Jay Messer, Sidney Smith; 1897, Frank Knowlton, Baxter Gay, John Seamans, Fred Morgan, A. Jay Messer, Lewis Brisbin, Alvin F. Messer; 1898, Frank Knowlton, Richard Morgan, F. M. Stanley, Fred Morgan, J. E. Shepard.

Supervisors of Checklist.

1878-1890, Daniel E. Colby, Anthony C. Burpee, Joseph M. Clough; 1894-1896, Abel F. Boynton, William A. Messer, Jacob H. Todd.

Inspectors of Elections.

1896, Alfred G. Sargent, Frank W. Knowlton, Sidney A. Smith, Edgar F. Sargent.

Superintending School Committee.

1876-1878, Rev. S. C. Fletcher; 1879, G. M. Knight; 1880-1882, N. C. Todd; 1883-1884, Prof. F. J. Peaslee; 1885, R. E. Farwell; 1886, F. J. Peaslee, J. E. Shepard, E. F. Hastings; 1887, F. J. Peaslee, J. E. Shepard, O. D. Crockett; 1888-1889, O. D. Crockett, N. C. Todd, E. A. Jones; 1890, E. A. Jones, Willie M. Knowlton, N. C. Todd; 1891-1892, W. M. Knowlton, Martha H. Pillsbury, Dr. J. F. Merrill; 1893, J. F. Merrill, Martha H. Pillsbury, R. E. Farwell; 1894-1895, Martha H. Pillsbury, R. E. Farwell, O. D. Crockett; 1896, Martha H. Pillsbury, O. D. Crockett; Fred Farwell; 1897, Martha H. Pillsbury, Fred Farwell, G. M. Knight—Dr. J. D. Quackenbos, Prof. L. F. Griffin, Cora M. Derby; 1898, J. D. Quackenbos, L. F. Griffin, Rosaline P. Burpee.

Postmasters.

1876-1898.—(New London) George Woodward, Charles S. Sargent, Henrietta K. Whipple, Francis E. Derby, Charles A. Todd, Willard C. Leonard, Elmer E. Adams.

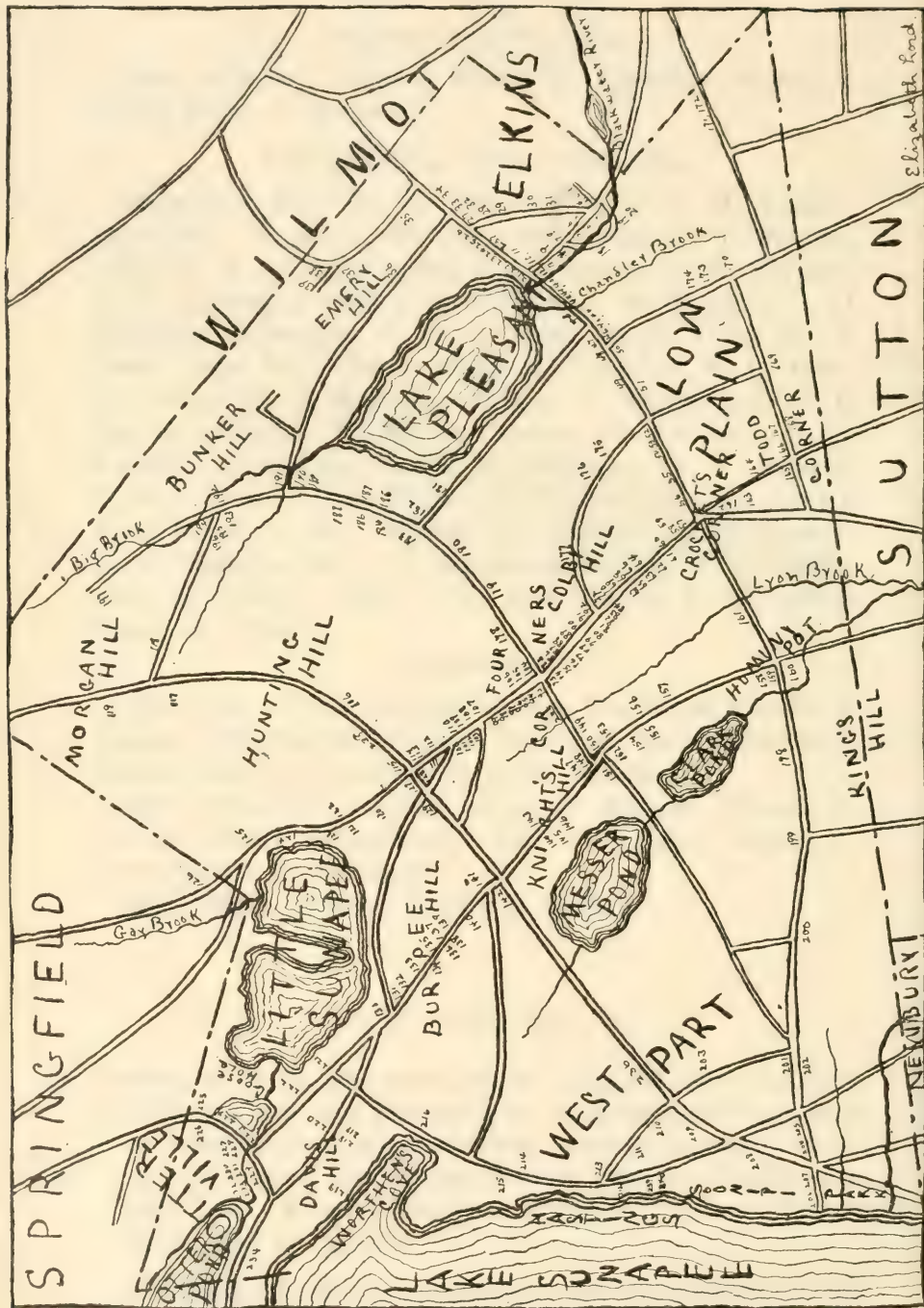
1876-1896.—(Scytheville) James H. Burpee, Charles A. Everett, Harry Greenwood, Ruel Whitcomb, Edwin A. Jones, James E. Shepard.

1897-1898.—(Elkins) Eugene C. Derby.

CHAPTER XII.

GENEALOGIES OF DESCENDANTS OF EARLIER NEW LONDON FAMILIES FOR THE PERIOD FROM 1876 TO 1898 INCLUSIVE, OF NEW REAL ESTATE OWNERS WHO ACQUIRED A RESIDENCE DURING THE SAME PERIOD, AND OF TAX-PAYERS NOT REAL ESTATE OWNERS RESIDENT IN THE TOWN FROM 1896 TO 1898.

As implied in the above heading, the genealogies for the fifth and final historical period have been prepared along the



KEY.

1. Moses A. Fellows.
2. William Hayes.
3. R. Whitcomb (owner).
4. H. B. Swett.
5. Mrs. H. M. Colby.
6. Mrs. R. O. Messer.
7. Abel F. Boynton.
8. Dr. C. A. Lamson.
9. Mechanics hall.
10. "Waldemere."
11. A. S. Messer (owner).
12. George Thurston.
13. Masonic hall.
14. Mrs. Horace Morey.
15. E. F. Adams.
16. Swett's store.
17. Stone shop.
18. Rufus W. Lamson.
19. S. M. Pedrick.
20. R. Whitcomb.
21. General store.
22. Tenement house.
23. B. G. Everett.
24. F. B. Clark.
25. Everett Messer.
26. John Jones.
27. W. S. Bickford.
28. E. R. Whitcomb.
29. J. S. Phillips place.
30. A. S. Messer, (owner).
31. G. H. Wiggin.
32. Byron Baker.
33. Will C. Nye.
34. C. I. Brown.
35. C. S. Whitney.
36. M. W. Emery.
37. William Fitzgerald.
38. F. E. Longley.
39. Moses Haskins.
40. E. A. Jones.
41. H. M. Todd.
42. Roger Williams.
43. Louis S. Brisbin.
44. Catholic cemetery.
45. Elkins cemetery.
46. F. P. Sargent.
47. Timothy Crowley.
48. Levi Sanborn.
49. Dea. C. W. Gay.
50. C. H. Leonard.
51. Will Hunt.
52. Low Plain schoolhouse.
53. Charles P. Wells.
54. Austin Morgan.
55. Amos Hunt.
56. F. R. Ashby.
57. J. D. and F. O. Prescott.
58. Luther Trussell place.
59. Mrs. J. B. Royce.
60. A. F. Messer.
61. Prof. J. P. Dixon.
62. Mrs. G. W. Gardner.
63. Burpee homestead.
64. Colby cottage.
65. Herrick homestead.
66. Colby homestead.
67. President's house.
68. E. J. Wells' store.
69. Nancy Brown cottage.
70. M. B. Means.
71. Baptist church.
72. Chapel.
73. Colby Hill schoolhouse.
74. Mrs. S. M. Whipple.
75. A. O. Crane and F. W. Pressey.
76. C. E. Shepard.
77. Drug store.
78. Mrs. A. B. Knight.
79. A. G. Sargent.
80. Robert McConnell.
81. Parsonage.
82. H. M. Fales.
83. Grange hall.
84. Rev. G. W. Gile.
85. Four Corners store.
86. McCutchins homestead.
87. "Hotel Sargent."
88. Colby Academy.
89. "Heidleburg."
90. Gymnasium.
91. Colby hall.
92. Town hall.
93. Mrs. Micajah Morgan.
94. E. E. Adams.
95. Mrs. J. C. Messer.
96. Isaac J. Lovering.
97. Mrs. S. Philbrick.
98. J. C. and H. S. Adams.
99. Loramann French.
100. C. W. Woodbury.
101. Gen. J. M. Clough.
102. L. L. Ray.
103. R. F. Smith.
104. Mrs. Jenkins.
105. Merrill Robie.
106. Charles D. Sargent place.
107. Capt. Charles Woodward.
108. F. W. Knowlton.
109. Margaret Burpee.
110. Capt. A. J. Sargent.
111. Mrs. G. W. Tilton.
112. Dea. E. F. Messer.
113. Albert Hunting.
114. A. J. Messer.
115. C. W. Bucklin.
116. Dexter Messer place.
117. C. F. Putney.
118. H. W. Putney.
119. Moses Messer.
120. Mrs. J. H. Ellis.
121. Job Cross.
122. A. B. Pillsbury.
123. Asa Ray place.
124. G. W. Hodges' cottage.
125. M. L. Ray.
126. A. J. Kidder.
127. Fred Gay.
128. Capt. Baxter Gay.
129. A. C. Philbrick.
130. F. P. Messer.
131. H. B. Williams.
132. Burpee Hill school-house.
133. J. B. Roby homestead.
134. Burke M. Whitney.
135. B. M. and F. M. Stanley.
136. N. L. Sargent.
137. A. Worthen.
138. Fred Farwell.
139. W. S. Carter.
140. Miss Katie Whittemore.
141. George Hayes.
142. N. C. and W. M. Knowlton.
143. G. M. Knight.
144. "Sonci," Mrs. E. B. Knight.
145. Mrs. Pitcher.
146. Mrs. A. S. Cummins.
147. Daniel Bickford.
148. Mrs. F. W. Spofford.
149. R. H. Kell.
150. Dow's blacksmith shop.
151. John Dow.
152. New London cemetery.
153. J. S. Bohanan.
154. Capt. Woodman house.
155. G. H. A. Williams.
156. George Williams place.
157. J. F. P. Call.
158. Joseph Trussell place.
159. Shingle mill.
160. Oren Fletcher.
161. A. W. Brown.
162. Charles and O. D. Crockett.
163. Adelbert Messer.
164. Waite cottage.
165. Fred Fowler.
166. J. H. Todd.
167. F. W. Todd.
168. A. N. Todd.
169. J. E. Shepard.
170. Austin Morgan, "old place."
171. Lorenzo Prescott.
172. Solomon Morey.
173. John Colby.
174. F. S. Shepard.
175. R. F. Sargent.
176. Henry Quimby.
177. D. S. Seamans.
178. C. C. Gardner.
179. Dea. Seth Littlefield.
180. J. D. Pingree.
181. G. R. McFarland.
182. Mrs. Maria Bunker.
183. G. W. Sargent place.
184. J. H. Messer.
185. David Baldwin.
186. Capt. Solon Cooper.
187. S. J. and E. A. Dean.
188. Maj. W. A. and Evarts Messer.
189. Archie Hayes.
190. Pleasant Street school-house.
191. Hiram and B. F. Sargent.
192. Perley Prescott.
193. C. C. Pingree and J. F. Hayes.
194. Walter Chase.
195. Walter Pingree.
196. Elwin Pingree.
197. Mills or Hayes place.
198. Frank Roberts.
199. E. A. Todd.
200. Belden Morgan.
201. West Part schoolhouse.
202. Nathaniel Knowlton.
203. Mrs. J. J. Tracy and J. K. Law.
204. Claude Goings.
205. Horace Hurd.
206. Dr. J. D. Quackenbos.
207. Miss Whitney.
208. B. and C. G. Davis.
209. West Part burial-ground.
210. Rev. T. H. Sill.
211. F. P. Jewett and R. L. Davis.
212. Hastings' shore.
213. Josiah Davis place.
214. E. F. Hastings.
215. Dr. Ezekiel Morrill.
216. G. S. Prescott.
217. A. Worthen, "old place."
218. Edmund Davis and Arthur Holmes.
219. Fletcher purchase.
220. Augustus Preston.
221. Nathaniel Messer.
222. Mrs. J. M. Messer.
223. Otterville hall.
224. George H. Eastman.
225. George Fisher.
226. Richard Morgan.
227. J. S. George.
228. Mrs. Sanford Fisher.
229. Algonquin Club.
230. E. F. Goings.
231. Grist and sawmill.
232. J. W. Taylor.
233. Carding mill.
234. Prof. B. G. Campbell.
235. David Smith.
236. Benjamin Merrill.
237. Elkins schoolhouse.
238. North District school-house.
239. Mrs. Annie S. Dey.
240. Dr. F. L. McIntosh.

same general lines as in the preceding periods, and there are also included such residents of the town not real estate owners for the prescribed five years, who have nevertheless paid their proportionate share of the \$500 for which the town is taxed to aid in the preparation of this volume, and are on that account entitled to representation on its pages. Especial care and pains have been taken to make each individual record as full and complete as possible, and in nearly every instance a ready coöperation on the part of those directly interested has accomplished the desired end.

ADAMS, ELMER E.—In the present generation only two representatives of the male descendants of the pioneer John Adams are now living in this town, the sons of Joseph C. Adams [441]. In the several years that Elmer Adams has been connected with the Four Corners store he has made hosts of friends by his courtesy and desire to please. Beginning as clerk and assistant postmaster with the late Charles A. Todd, he is now part owner of the store, and has held the office of postmaster since July 4, 1897. He is also a prominent member of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Minnie (Richardson) Adams is the dau. of Maria Eunice Woodward of Sutton, and Sargent H. Richardson of Nashua, b. West Union, Ia., May 20, 1860. Their home is the Hanaford cottage, which has been greatly improved under Mr. Adams's ownership. Child:

1. Myron Richardson, b. June 13, 1897.

ADAMS, EUGENE F.—Eugene Adams, blacksmith at Elkins village, is the son of John Freemont Adams, whose father, an emigrant, settled at Trois Rivières, P. Q. John m. Irene L., dau. of William Ryder of Newport, Vt., and res. in Hanover and Canada; was a farmer by occupation, and d. at Orford, P. Q.; Irene d. at Enfield. Eugene Freemont, youngest of their four children, was b. at Orford, Jan. 26, 1863; m., at Andover, Jan. 23, 1887, Annabel, dau. of Alonzo Bucklin of Canaan, b. Dec. 10, 1865. They have res. in N. L. since 1894. Child:

1. Beatrice Belle, b. March 23, 1888.

ADAMS, HERMAN S.—Herman S., younger son of Joseph C. Adams [441], bids fair to acquire a leading position among

his fellow-townsmen, who have been quick to recognize his faithfulness and native ability. He is a painter by trade, and does a considerable business as local agent for some of the best foreign and state fire insurance companies. He is gifted as a musician, and for several years has been leader of the New London Cadet band. In 1897 he was appointed town clerk to complete the term of R. E. Farwell, and in 1898 was formally elected to the office, for which his fitness is undoubted. He is an interested and influential member of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Flora (Everett) Adams was b. March 6, 1878, the dau. of Frank M. and Eva (Chick) Everett of Manchester, and a great-granddaughter of Dea. Dexter Everett [240] through his son Elkanah P. In 1896 Mr. Adams purchased the George Bickford place, and now occupies it with his father's family.

ASHEY, EDWIN R.—Edwin R. Ashby, son of Henry and Charlotte (Ordway) Ashby of Bradford, b. July 4, 1855, has been a resident of N. L. for several years. His father was a saw-miller, and his grandfather, George Ashby, b. Sept. 7, 1784, came to this country from England. Edwin m., June 7, 1892, Abbie R., dau. of Amos Hunt. He is a carpenter by trade, and having moved the original Eli Todd house at Todd corner to the summit of Adeline's hill, in June, 1895, has made for his family a cosy, comfortable home in a pleasant and sightly location. Mr. Ashby is clerk of the New London Cadet Band association. Children:

1. Eva Viola, b. June 23, 1893.
2. Esther Belle, b. Sept. 27, 1896.

BARTON, LOYAL.—Loyal Barton of Grantham was a student at Colby academy a few years, and in 1887 purchased the Adeline Everett cottage, where he res. until he sold to Alfred G. Sargent and removed to Bradford. His wife was a Miss Mason of Hanover.

BICKFORD, GEORGE C.—George C., son of Dr. H. C. Bickford [328], removed from Charlestown, Mass., to N. L. in 1882, and res. on the Capt. Jonathan Everett place beyond Four Corners. In 1896 he sold to Herman S. Adams and returned to Charlestown. Mrs. Bickford is the dau. of Emri B. and Miriam (Owen) Stetson of Charlestown, Mass. Mr. and

Mrs. Bickford were prominently connected with the Odd Fellows and Rebekah lodges. Children:

1. Alice Florence, b. Oct. 30, 1878.
2. Horace Stetson, b. March 3, 1880.
3. George Owen, b. July 26, 1881; d. Aug. 25, 1881.
4. Walter Howard, b. Aug. 4, 1884; d. Oct. 19, 1884.

BICKFORD, WARREN S.—Warren S. Bickford came to N. L. about 1875, and was employed as a grinder in the scythe factory. Later he was at Governor's island, Lake Winnepesaukee, where he had charge of the Stilson Hutchins farm, and now res. at Elkins. He was b. in Epsom, May 20, 1853, the son of Abraham and Nancy (Wells) Bickford; m., July 2, 1873, Sarah J., dau. of Henry and Lucy J. (Langley) Hall of Epsom, b. Jan. 19, 1852. Child:

1. Arthur Leon, b. Aug. 27, 1876.

BLOOD, EDWIN P.—Edwin P. Blood was blacksmith at Otterville for several years, and res. in the Jonathan Bugbee house just beyond the bridge. He was the son of Preston Blood, and great-grandson of Simeon Blood [218] through his son Ebenezer. He m., in 1881, Addie, youngest dau. of Sanford Fisher [469]. Children:

1. Willie, b. May 20, 1882.
2. Mamie, b. July 26, 1885.

BLOOD, MORRISON.—Morrison, youngest son of Luke Blood, and a brother of Dr. Robert A. Blood [446], became a resident of N. L. about 1879, and for a long time was the miller at Otterville, where he res. He was b. June 1, 1849; m., Jan. 1, 1878, Rose, dau. of Thomas Davis, who d. April 10, 1895, aged 43 years, 10 months. No children.

BOHANAN, J. SMILEY.—The earliest known ancestor of the Bohanan family was Andrew, b. Scotland, 1709, of a most respectable and well-to-do family. At fourteen Andrew was impressed for duty at sea, and the ship in one of her voyages touching at Boston, Mass., he decided to remain in America. In the spring of 1734 he was one of the party who made the first settlement at Contoocook (now Boscawen), and soon after m. Tabitha, dau. of Dea. Jacob and Mercy (Clough) Flanders, who had come to Contoocook from South Hampton, Mass. Ananiah, their fifth and youngest child, b. July 22, 1743, was a lieutenant in the Revolutionary war, and after

leaving the army, Dec. 31, 1781, settled in Salisbury; m., about 1776, Shuah Fifield of Salisbury, and d. about 1818, at the home of his son Jonathan in Sutton. Jonathan, b. July 18, 1778, m., about 1800, Dorothy Wells, b. Sandown, April 21, 1776. He was a deacon of the church, a farmer, and res. for some years in Vermont; returning to New Hampshire he res. in Springfield, Temple, and Sutton. Jonathan d. Temple, Feb. 4, 1861; Dorothy d. Nov. 10, 1855, and both are buried at Sutton Centre. Their oldest son, David, b. Washington, Vt., March 12, 1801, m., April 23, 1826, Belinda Bean, a granddaughter of Dea. Asa Bean of Sutton, b. 1808, and James Smiley, fourth in their family of eleven children, was b. Aug. 2, 1836. He m., Nov. 2, 1858, Fannie A., dau. of George and Fannie (Munroe) Kezar, b. Sept. 12, 1842. They res. in Sutton, removing to N. L. about 1884 to care for his wife's uncle, Joseph Trussell [395], and res. in the Marshall Trayne house on Summer street. At Hominy Pot he had a mill for sawing shingles and laths, besides carrying on the farm. Mrs. Bohanan was a woman with many lovable traits of character, and an earnest Christian. She d. April 8, 1897, after an extremely painful illness, cheerful and patient to the last. Mr. Bohanan has since res. with his relatives in Sutton. Children:

1. Emma F., b. Sept. 21, 1864; d. Nov. 7, 1874.
2. George S., b. Aug. 3, 1869; received his diploma as a graduate of the music course with the class of 1890, Colby academy, and then spent three terms at the Boston Conservatory of Music. In August, 1893, he was called to the chair of vocal and instrumental music at Rio Grande college, a Free Baptist institution in Rio Grande, Ohio, a position which he has since filled with the best of success, doing also some composition. He m., June 17, 1895, R. Emma Holcomb, sister of the professor of mathematics at Rio Grande. Child:

(1). Irene, b. Jan. 25, 1897.

BOYNTON, ABEL F.—Abel F. Boynton was a welder in the scythe shops, and later was a member of the firm of Clark & Boynton in the store at Elkins. He was b. at New Sharon, Me., March 1, 1833, the son of Joshua H. and Hannah (Titcomb) Boynton, his father being the son of Joshua and Betsey (Hilton) Boynton of Wiscasset, Me., and his mother a native of Newburyport, Mass. Abel learned his trade as scythe



PROFESSOR GEORGE S. BOHANAN.

welder at Wayne, Me., and worked in other places before coming to N. L. He m., Sept. 2, 1878, Sarah (Farwell) Todd, widow of Austin R. Todd [532]. They have no children.

BRISBIN, LOUIS S.—Louis S. Brisbin, son of William and Harriet Brisbin of Moore's Forks, N. Y., m. Elmie M., dau. of Frank P. Messer [504], and res. in Lowell, Mass., and N. L., where he purchased the O'Neil place at Elkins in 1895. He is a carpenter by trade, and an industrious and faithful workman. Both he and his wife are active members of New London grange. Child:

1. Roy F., b. March 2, 1889.

BROWN, ALSTON.—Alston Brown removed from Danbury to N. L. in May, 1877, and has since res. on the Preston place at Hominy Pot. He is the son of John and Sophronia (Brown) Brown of North Wilmot, b. Dec. 12, 1847; enlisted in the First N. H. V. cavalry, March 29, 1864; was severely wounded at Nottoway Court House, Va., June 23, 1864, losing his left arm below the shoulder; was captured six days later at Ream's Station, Va., and endured terrible sufferings from his uncared-for wound and from the privations of prison life in the two months before he was released. He m., Sept. 18, 1866, Mary, dau. of Elijah and Abby (Sargent) Taft, b. Oct. 28, 1847. Mrs. Brown is a descendant on the maternal side of the famous Hannah Dustin of colonial days. Elijah Taft d. at the home of his dau. March 10, 1893, aged 79 years, 20 days; he was a native of Upton, Mass. Mr. Brown is a charter member of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R. Despite the loss of his arm he is able to do mechanical work, though shattered in health from his army experience. Children:

1. John, b. Sept. 26, 1868; d. March 28, 1871.
2. Nellie R., b. Oct. 21, 1869; res. in Haverhill, Mass.
3. Cora M., b. May 26, 1871; m., Dec. 31, 1892, Albert J. Davis; res. in N. L.
4. Bernice R., b. March 5, 1873; res. in Haverhill, Mass.
5. Maud B., b. Jan. 2, 1874; d. Jan. 28, 1876.
6. Nannie A., b. Dec. 2, 1876; res. in Haverhill, Mass.
7. Willie H., b. July 18, 1878.
8. Flossie A., b. April 16, 1881.
9. Jessie W., b. Oct. 6, 1884.
10. Lottie, b. April 14, 1886.
11. Dottie, twin to Lottie; d. at birth.

BROWN, CHARLES I.—Charles I. Brown is the son of Lendall and Lucy (Morrill) (Brown) Brown. Lucy, dau. of Jabez and Hannah (Blanchard) Morrill of Wilmot, b. Jan. 3, 1815, m. (1), about 1842, Thomas, son of Thomas and Rachel (Smith) Brown of Deerfield, by whom she had a dau., Rachel, who m. Clinton C. Stearns and res. in Wilmot. Thomas d. about 1844, and Lucy m. (2), March 8, 1849, Lendall, son of Josiah and Sally (Philbrick) Brown of Wilmot Centre, b. Nov. 27, 1813. (Sally was the dau. of James Philbrick [132], of N. L. and Wilmot.) By her second husband Lucy had,—1, Alice, b. March 30, 1850; d. July 21, 1850. 2. Mary Ella, b. May 24, 1853; d. April 18, 1885. 3. Arianna, b. March 19, 1855; m., Dec. 25, 1873, Baxter Gay, and res. in N. L. 4. Charles I., b. June 28, 1857. Lendall Brown was a farmer, and res. in Wilmot, where he d. Aug. 23, 1860. His widow m. (3) Daniel S. Perley of Springfield, whose sister-in-law, Mrs. Eliza Perley, res. in N. L. [514]. Daniel d. March 30, 1878, and his widow now res. at Elkins. Charles I. Brown res. in Concord, then at Wilmot and N. L., and was boss dyer in Greene Johnson's hosiery mill. He m. (1) Anna M., dau. of Curtis and Maria (Poor) Langley of Wilmot, who d. Dec. 27, 1886; m. (2), Dec. 21, 1891, Lena, dau. of Warren W. and Rhoda (Dow) Dow of Seabrook, b. Aug. 3, 1874. Warren was the son of Newell and Nancy (Walton) Dow of Seabrook; Rhoda was the dau. of Daniel and Ruth (Brown) Dow of Portsmouth. Charles Brown's children are,—

1. Mabel C., b. Jan. 1, 1879; m. Clarence Woodbury Gay of N. L.

2. Grace I., b. Jan. 25, 1893; d. July 7, 1893.

3. Dora, b. June 12, 1894.

BUCKLIN, CHARLES WYMAN.—The Bucklin family are of English descent, the earliest authentic ancestor, Charles Osborne Bucklin, having been a landholder in Berkshire county, England, in the time of the Commonwealth. His oldest son, Charles, Jr., inherited the estate, and had a large family of children. The Charles of the third generation did not take kindly to parental control, and with a younger brother, Jesse, emigrated to America and settled in Rhode Island. Charles m., and his branch of the family remained in Providence, R. I. Jesse was a clock manufacturer. He m., and Charles, young-

est of his five sons, b. May 29, 1798, finally settled in Enfield. This Charles m. Choice M. Cole, b. Aug. 18, 1808, and four of their six children have in one way and another been connected with N. L., viz.: Abiah, Alonzo, Milo, and Charles Wyman. Abiah, who was the oldest child, b. Oct. 22, 1828, was the first wife of Gen. J. M. Clough [452]. Alonzo, b. Aug. 26, 1841, m. Calista Stone, and res. in Canaan, where he had a dau., Annabel, who m. Eugene F. Adams [571]. Alonzo d. in Canaan, and his widow m. (2) his youngest brother, Milo, b. Aug. 26, 1848, who has res. at Elkins. Milo m. (2) Josie, dau. of John H. Prescott of Elkins, and worked at his trade as blacksmith in Tilton in 1898. Charles W. Bucklin, b. June 8, 1838, went to New York, and for thirty years was actively engaged as a leather merchant. He m. L. Frances, dau. of E. R. Stanley, and for several years his family spent the summer in N. L. In the early '90s Mr. Bucklin purchased the Adam Davis place at Davis corner, and while preserving the colonial style of the main house, enlarged and improved until a most substantial and beautiful home had been made ready. Having retired from active business, Mr. Bucklin finds in the management of his large farm an outlet for the energy that in years past had made for his success. He is an Odd Fellow, and soon after the organization of Heidelberg lodge was a generous contributor towards the fitting up of a handsomely furnished hall for their use in the Hotel Sargent building. His family entertain largely, and are very popular in social circles. Children:

1. Charles Wyman, Jr., b. Brooklyn, N. Y.
2. Edith, b. Redbank, N. Y.
3. Walter Stanley, b. New York city; graduated Colby academy 1897.

CALL, J. FRANKLIN P.—Frank P. Call, who now res. on the Call homestead, is the only son of Reuben M. Call [450]. Directly after his marriage he worked at Enfield for the Shakers a year, then returned to N. L. and res. for two years on the Moses Burpee place at Burpee hill. In the spring of 1881 he removed to Webster, and worked in the Burbank box factory for six years; then settled in Warner. For nine years he was the New England salesman for the Warner and Merrimack

Glove companies, during the last five years being a partner in the new Merrimack company. In the fall of 1891 he purchased his brother-in-law's interest in the Wyman Kimball farm in N. L. (formerly owned by his father, who bought of Ezekiel Sargent), and moved his family here. He continued his work as travelling salesman until the fall of 1895, and since then has carried on the farm. He is an active member of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F., and of Crystal Rebekah lodge. Ida (Kimball) Call is the dau. of Wyman P. Kimball, of Enfield and N. L. Children :

1. Elnora Belle, b. N. L., Nov. 2, 1878.
2. Winfield Scott, b. Webster, Aug. 25, 1881.
3. Shirley Stickney, b. Warner, Oct. 27, 1891.

CARTER, WILLIAM S.—Among the sterling citizens of the present period is William S. Carter, a native of Penacook (Concord), who purchased the Moses Burpee place on Burpee hill in the fall of 1880, where he has since res. Diligent in his daily tasks, an active supporter and participant in the mission services at Otterville, both he and his kind-hearted wife have won the respect and liking of their neighbors. The Carter family has been established in Concord for several generations, and have been worthy and industrious citizens. William Carter's grandparents were Ephraim and Dorcas (Presby) Carter, and his father, John, was the youngest of their six children. John Carter m., in 1829, Margaret, dau. of Samuel Dow of "Horse hill" (Concord), and was a farmer. He d. in Concord in 1871; Margaret d. Concord in 1889. William S., b. Aug. 17, 1832, was the second of their eight children. He m., May 24, 1859, Eliza A., dau. of Bradbury Brown of Sandwich, b. June 11, 1833. They res. in Penacook prior to their settlement in N. L. Children :

1. William Fred, b. Aug. 30, 1860; fitted for college at the Penacook academy, and graduated from Dartmouth in 1883; taught in Charlotte, N. C., and for several years has been a clerk in the Treasury department at Washington, D. C.; m., Dec. 25, 1887, Julia A. Roberts of Strafford, Vt.; res. in Washington. Children :
 - (1). Margaret Evalyn, b. Jan. 13, 1889; d. July 2, 1898.
 - (2). Mabel Josephine, b. Feb. 15, 1890.
 - (3). Marion Roberts, b. Nov. 3, 1892.
 - (4). Mildred, b. N. L., June 7, 1895.

2. Jennie Brown, b. March 13, 1862; m., Feb. 19, 1885, Reo E. Farwell; res. in N. L.
3. Leonard Baker, b. Feb. 24, 1864; graduated Colby academy 1886; taught in Charlotte, N. C., and is now in the employ of the Thomson-Houston Electric company at Lynn, Mass.
4. Lucinda Evalyn, b. Nov. 17, 1866; graduated Colby academy 1890, and has taught very successfully; now res. at home.
5. Margaret Marilla, b. Feb. 9, 1868; m., Dec. 24, 1896, William E., son of Benton M. Stanley [530].

CHASE, WALTER F.—Walter F. Chase, who res. in the Mrs. Harvey house on the Asa Pingree farm, is the son of Jabez Chase [335], b. N. L., 1841; enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., and served until discharged for disability May 6, 1864. Walter m., Rosy L., dau. of Giles Fletcher, b. Roxbury, Vt., Aug. 6, 1849. They res. in Concord, removed to Wilmot, and thence to N. L. a few years since. Children:

1. Mary Jane, b. 1867; d. 1886.
2. Walter E., b. Feb. 11, 1871; res. in Franklin.
3. Rosy B., b. March 22, 1873; m., July, 1891, John W. Taylor of Wilmot Flat.
4. Ellen L., b. July 16, 1875; m., September, 1889, George P. Chase (her cousin), and res. in Wilmot. Children: George Henry, Herbert Arthur.
5. Benjamin, b. Feb. 12, 1878; res. at home.
6. Sadie A., b. Dec. 24, 1879; m., Sept. 25, 1895, Frank Hunt; res. in N. L.
7. Henry, b. May 13, 1881.
8. George C., b. Aug. 16, 1883; d. Aug. 5, 1895.
9. Nathan, b. Nov. 5, 1884.
10. Arthur, b. April 2, 1887.
11. Herbert, b. Concord, Sept. 5, 1889; d. in infancy.
12. Gracie, b. Bow, March 31, 1890; d. in infancy.

CHASE, WILLIAM.—William Chase of Boscawen m., March 6, 1883, Mary Ellen, dau. of Amos Hunt; is an industrious laborer and excellent teamster. Children:

1. Arthur William, b. March 4, 1886.
2. Ida M., b. May 18, 1888.

CLARK, FRED B.—Fred B. Clark of the recent firm, Clark & Boynton, Elkins, is the son of Prescott and Susan (Sanborn) Clark of Canaan. (Susan Sanborn was a cousin of Mrs. Charles D. Sargent [526].) He m., Nov. 27, 1881, at Canaan, Mary F., dau. of William R. Jones, a shoe manufac-

turer of Danvers, Mass., b. May 31, 1863. Mrs. Clark's mother was Frances H. Senter, dau. of Charles Senter of Hudson. They have lived at Canaan, Bridgeport, Conn., Grafton, and N. L. Child:

1. Mura Lenore, b. March 31, 1887.

COLBY, CHARLES A.—Charles Colby, who res. with his widowed mother in the Charles Phillips house at Elkins, is the only child of Harrison M. Colby of Henniker. Harrison, b. May 11, 1833, was the son of Moses and Emmeline (Savage) Colby of Henniker and Greenfield, and grandson of Moses and Betsey (Wilkins) Colby of Bradford. His widow is the dau. of Israel Bean of Sutton, b. April 10, 1837. Harrison res. in Henniker, Sutton, Bradford, and Warner, and was a farmer. Charles A. Colby was b. April 12, 1858; is unmarried, and a farmer by occupation.

COLBY, JOHN.—John Colby of Andover, a native of Hill and son of Harrison A. and Augusta Colby, m., April 15, 1891, Ella W., dau. of Charles P. Wells of N. L. In 1894 they took up their residence in N. L., and now own the Eliphalet Smith place at Low Plain. Children:

1. Leslie Brown, b. June 21, 1895.
2. Bertha Lillian, b. Dec. 22, 1897.

CRANE, ALLEN O.—Allen Crane is the son of Charles T. and Jerusha (Johnson) Crane of Wilmot, and a nephew of Mrs. Ephraim Knight [492]. He was b. March 30, 1862, and besides his business in N. L. as stage-driver and teamster has been clerk in a grocery store at Concord; m., Oct. 4, 1894, Elizabeth, dau. of William Fitzgerald [471]. Child:

1. Roland O., b. Nov. 15, 1895.

CROCKETT, OREN D.—In the positions of public and private trust to which he has been called in the passing years, Oren D. Crockett, only son of Charles Crockett [457], has displayed an ability which may well rank him among the leading citizens of the present generation. A native of Danbury, his parents removed to N. L. just before he reached his second birthday, and with the exception of twelve years spent in teaching in Massachusetts and Vermont, this town has since been his home. He graduated from the New London institution in the class of 1873, and during the next seven years

taught in Wrentham, Mass., removing to Weathersfield, Vt., in 1880. In 1885 he returned to N. L., and has since been prominently connected with the social, civil, and religious interests of the town. He has been church clerk ten years, town treasurer three years, member of the board of education for seven years. Wherever his home has been he has been active in church and Sunday-school work, his service as Sunday-school superintendent in North Attleboro, Mass., Weathersfield, and N. L. aggregating eighteen years. Mr. Crockett m. (1), March, 1875, Maria L. Aldrich, a class-mate at the New London institution. Miss Aldrich was b. in Weathersfield, Vt., Jan. 3, 1852, the dau. of J. Madison and Mary (Atwood) Aldrich. Mr. Aldrich, b. Weathersfield, June 12, 1809, was one of the early aggressive Abolitionists of Vermont; was a member of both branches of the state legislature, and was in the Chicago convention that nominated Abraham Lincoln in 1860; d. May 27, 1880. Mary (Atwood) Aldrich, b. Chester, Vt., July 19, 1815, d. Feb. 21, 1885. Maria (Aldrich) Crockett d. at Weathersfield, July 5, 1883. Her only child, Ralph W. Crockett, b. Wrentham, Mass., Nov. 20, 1876, d. Feb. 18, 1878.

Mr. Crockett m. (2), in 1885, Esther M. Henry, only dau. of Rev. Foster and Sarah (Prescott) Henry of Cavendish, Vt., b. Pawtuxet, R. I., April 22, 1859. Rev. Foster Henry was a native of Weathersfield, Vt., b. April 7, 1817, son of Foster Henry, a captain in the War of 1812. His pastorates were at Tirringham, Mass., Pawtuxet, R. I., Danvers, Mass., Newport (this state), North Bennington and Cavendish, Vt.: d. Hinsdale, April 4, 1886. Sarah Elizabeth Henry was the dau. of Dea. Abraham Prescott of Concord, b. April 2, 1828; allied with the descendants of Samuel Prescott [134] and a sister of Mary (Prescott) Hayden [485] and of Hannah (Prescott) Hill of Charlestown, Mass., stepmother of Mrs. Dura Morgan [366]. Mrs. Henry was educated at New Hampton, and graduated with high honors; taught Latin and Italian at New Hampton for five years, then was connected with the Chowan Female Collegiate institute at Murfreesborough, N. C., until her marriage. Her last years were passed in her daughter's home, and here, as everywhere, her Christian loveliness of character endeared her to all who knew

her. She was a native of Deerfield, b. Aug. 2, 1828, and d. at N. L., Dec. 11, 1891. Esther (Henry) Crockett is a graduate of the North Bennington (Vt.) High School, and her musical talents received a careful training at the New England Conservatory of Music. In the years that she has been a resident of N. L., Mrs. Crockett has been an able co-worker with her husband, and both are valued members of the church choir. Frank and engaging in manner, cultured and companionable, Mrs. Crockett is one whose friendship is held in high esteem. Children :

1. Henry Charles, b. Nov. 19, 1886.
2. Dora Prescott, b. Jan. 10, 1893.

CURRIER, HERMAN J.—Herman J. Currier, a native of Pelham, son of Joshua and Abigail Currier, m. Sarah J., dau. of Maj. Jeremiah S. and Caroline Durgin, b. in Andover. (Caroline Durgin d. in N. L., January, 1892, nearly 80 years of age.) The family res. in Penacook and Concord, and removed to N. L. in 1870. Mr. Currier is a photographer by trade, but during most of his residence here kept an all-the-year-round hotel, "The Elms" (now "Hotel Sargent"), and had a livery-stable in connection. A few years since they removed to Hillsborough Bridge, where Mr. Currier is again engaged in photography. Children :

1. Hiram Bert, b. Penacook, Aug. 7, 1867; m. Martha Alberta, dau. of Nathaniel Knowlton [495]; res. a short time in N. L., and is now living in Hillsborough. Child :
(1). Philip, b. N. L., Dec. 12, 1888; d. Dec. 15, 1888.
2. Herman Faunce, b. Concord, Oct. 15, 1869; d. June 19, 1872.
3. Caroline Grace, b. Nov. 25, 1871; m., Aug. 27, 1890, Fred A., son of John K. Law of N. L.
4. Herman, b. March 24, 1877.
5. Ellen Ethel, b. May 24, 1879.
6. Edith, b. April 2, 1882.
7. Moody, b. Oct. 20, 1885.

DAVIS, ALBERT J.—Albert J. Davis, b. Northfield, March 21, 1870, is the son of John R. Davis of Northfield and Sarah Hills of Campton; m., Dec. 31, 1892, Cora M., dau. of Alston Brown [575]; res. in the Joseph Trussell house at Hominy Pot, and has a shingle mill on the brook. Children :

1. Bernard, b. April 30, 1894.
2. Edna May, b. Nov. 19, 1895 ; d. March 30, 1896.
3. Lizzie K., b. May 25, 1897.

DAVIS, CHARLES G.—Charles G., son of Benjamin Davis [459], carries on the home farm at the West Part. This location is a very pleasant one for summer guest business, and each season finds “The Willows” filled to the roof-tree. Child :

1. Benjamin LeRoy, b. Nov. 30, 1889.

DAVIS, FRANK H.—The older son of Benjamin Davis [459] was for some years manager of the “Lodge” at Soonipi-side Park, and now res. at Sunapee. Children :

1. Millie Ora, b. Newport, July 30, 1883.
2. Albert Leslie, b. N. L., March 30, 1885.
3. Howard G., b. N. L., March 10, 1889.

DAVIS, MICHAEL C.—Michael C. Davis, who res. on Davis hill, and for several years in the Couch house at Otterville, was a native of Sunapee, where he was b. April 25, 1823. He was killed in the woods north of Otter pond, Jan. 28, 1891, by a lodged tree-top which fell on him while he was cutting another tree, and broke his neck. Michael m. Almira, dau. of James Stinson [284], though she is not included in their family record. His widow afterwards res. with her sister, Mrs. Ephraim Davis, in Sunapee, and d. there. No children.

DAVIS, THOMAS S.—Thomas S. Davis is a great-grandson of Jacob Davis, Sr., b. Haverhill (or Plaistow), 1714 ; d. Sutton, 1819, his wife dying one week after his death, at the age of 99. Jacob, Jr., m. Judith Cheney, and his oldest son, Thomas, b. Sept. 19, 1786, m., Feb. 1, 1815, Clarissa, dau. of Hezekiah Parker, b. Jan. 12, 1796. Thomas S., b. Nov. 3, 1826, is the sixth of their ten children, and is a nephew of Daniel Davis who m. Asenath, dau. of Rev. Job Seamans [145], and of Ezekiel Davis, whose daus. Rachel and Sabrina m. into the Sargent and Bunker families of N. L. He was a resident of Gilford at the time of the Civil War, and enlisted from that town, Sept. 15, 1862, in the Fifteenth N. H. V., serving until mustered out. His wife was Irena M. Mastern of Orford. For several years he was saw-miller at Otterville. Since the death of his dau. Rose, who m. Morrison Blood [573], he has made his home at Wilmot Flat, with his son Charles.

DEAN, EDWIN A.—Edwin Albert, only son of Stephen J. Dean [461], res. with his family on the home place. He is a painter by trade, in addition to the Dean facility with carpenter's tools; is an enthusiastic mineralogist and geologist, the local printer, and has acquired more than ordinary skill as a scenic photographer. All these gifts, combined with a genuine good-fellowship, have made him popular in the community. Janet (McCallum) Dean, b. July 8, 1867, is the dau. of George McCallum of Tiverton, Province of Ontario. Children:

1. Eva Eliza, b. Jan. 5, 1891.
2. A son, b. March 2, 1893; d. March 4, 1893.
3. Thirza Vienna, b. Feb. 26, 1894.
4. Lura E., b. Sept. 6, 1896.

DERBY, EUGENE C.—As an author and writer who has made for himself a reputation in metropolitan newspaper circles, Eugene Channing Derby, only son of Francis E. Derby below, occupies a unique place in the town annals. For several years he served as clerk in his father's store, but of late has devoted the greater part of his time to writing. His easy, versatile style and graphic power of description have been favorably commented on by reputable critics. He was appointed postmaster at Elkins in 1897. Cora (Manahan) Derby, dau. of Newton Manahan [500], was educated at Colby academy, and taught successfully before her marriage. She served as a member of the school board in 1897-'98. Children:

1. Richard Eugene, b. March 22, 1889.
2. Helen Manahan, b. May 12, 1891.

DERBY, FRANCIS E.—The Derbys are of English descent, and the earliest authentic ancestor in this country is the Jonathan Derby, b. at Hebron, Conn., July 4, 1726 (O. S.), who d. at Orford, Jan. 22, 1807. Simeon, son of Jonathan, b. Hebron, Jan. 21, 1756, m., Nov. 20, 1785, Christianna Wells, and was a farmer in Orford, where he and his wife d. John, fifth of their seven children, b. Aug. 5, 1796, m., Sept. 21, 1824, Fidelia S., dau. of Caleb Freeman. John was a painter, and res. in Orford, where he d. May 16, 1857; Fidelia d. at Bridgewater, Vt. They were the parents of eight children, of whom Francis Everett, b. Aug. 14, 1836, was the fifth. Francis m., July 27, 1861, Susan Amelia, dau. of Hezekiah Mills [364]. He enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V. in August, 1862, and

served until the muster-out in June, 1865. As storekeeper at the "Four Corners" for many years, Mr. Derby was uniformly courteous and obliging. He was also postmaster under President Harrison's administration. Of late years the family has res. in North Sutton, where Mrs. Derby d. Sept. 20, 1898. Children:

1. Eugene C., b. Lawrence, Mass., March 7, 1867; m. Cora Manahan; res. in N. L.
2. Myrtie D., b. Oct. 21, 1870; graduated Colby academy; m., Jan. 1, 1893, William G. Brown; res. Bridgewater, Vt.
3. George M., b. Dec. 7, 1873; d. Sept. 19, 1874.
4. Pearl C., b. March 3, 1887.

DIXON, PROFESSOR JAMES P.—In the nearly twenty years that Professor James P. Dixon has been identified with the educational, civil, and religious interests of this town, he has from the first been recognized as a leading force, a man whose absolute rectitude of character commands the respect of even those who may differ from his way of thinking. He has shown himself the wise friend, the trusted counsellor, the able administrator, a strong, earnest, generous supporter of the church and its institutions, a citizen whose conceptions of duty are based upon ethical principles, whose calm, deliberate judgments are rendered without fear or favor, a truly just and honorable man. James P. Dixon was b. in West Lebanon, Me., Sept. 20, 1842, the older son of Frederick and Caroline (Stanton) Dixon. His father was a carpenter and farmer, and an honored and substantial citizen of the town in which his long and useful life was spent. Caroline (Stanton) Dixon is a lineal descendant, on the maternal side, of Elder William Wentworth the emigrant, the ancestor of not a few men who in succeeding generations have been leaders in civil, military, and educational circles and borne a distinguished part in state and colonial history. Professor Dixon holds the degree of A. M. from Bowdoin college, from which he was graduated with the valedictorian honor in 1867. In the fall of that year he became principal of the Rochester High school, and a little more than a year later was called to the principalship of the Somersworth High school, where for nearly eleven years his marked ability as a classical scholar and teacher gave the school an enviable status in neighboring communities. He

accepted the presidency of Colby academy in this town in the spring of 1880, at a period in its history when an exceptionally able man was demanded. That he amply fulfilled the trust reposed in him in the eleven years of his wise and gentle ruling, is the grateful and heartfelt testimony of the hundreds of young men and women who came under his care, and who ever found him the same dignified, scholarly, Christian gentleman. For a few months after his resignation he res. in Worcester, Mass., where he was engaged with a younger brother in the real estate business. In 1893 he bought of his brother-in-law, Edward O. Lord, the Jonathan Carr farm on Colby hill, where he has since had his home. It is due mainly to his efforts that a city market for surplus milk has been opened to N. L. farmers, bringing as a result hundreds of dollars into the town annually. Mr. Dixon m., July 4, 1872, Mary Abby, dau. of Oliver H. and Mary W. G. (Stevens) Lord of Somersworth, b. April 26, 1844. Mrs. Dixon was carefully educated in the schools of her native town, and at the Codman Hill School at Dorchester, Mass. Their children are,—

1. Florence, b. June 28, 1875; valedictorian of the class of 1898, Colby academy.
2. Philip, b. April 19, 1877; d. July 24, 1877.
3. Mary, b. Aug. 21, 1878.
4. Caroline, b. Nov. 29, 1879.
5. Frederick Oliver, b. Jan. 5, 1882.
6. James Payson, Jr., b. Aug. 9, 1883.
7. Abby Frances, b. Oct. 22, 1884.

EASTMAN, GEORGE H.—The blacksmith shop at Otterville is now owned by George Eastman, son of James and Lydia (Putney) Eastman of Springfield. He m., Oct. 18, 1880, Mrs. Giles Goings, b. Frances Emmeline, dau. of Charles Jewett [355]. Giles Goings was a brother of Austin Goings [479], and was the father of,—1. Charles, b. Oct. 8, 1861; m., and res. in Manchester, with five children, one deceased. 2. Edwin, res. at Otterville. 3. Addie, m. Edwin Morrison and res. in North Boscawen, with three children. A nephew of George Eastman, Hiram Almond, b. September, 1871, the son of Hiram T. and Elvira (Rollins) Eastman, is a partner with Edwin Goings in the mills at Otterville.

ELKINS, DR. JOHN P.—John P. Elkins, M. D., was b. in



THE DR. ELKINS COTTAGE.

New Durham, Nov. 5, 1838, the son of Dr. John P. and Sarah F. (Pendergast) Elkins of Barnstead. His father was a physician of note in his day, and had an earnest desire that his two sons should follow in his profession. John P. graduated from Bowdoin Medical school in 1860, and in 1861 began practice at Wilmot Flat. He practised for a brief period in Newport, but from 1875 to 1888 his home was at Scytheville, a cosy, pleasant cottage which was burned during the later occupancy of Dr. J. F. Merrill. To his unremitting devotion to his profession, riding many weary miles over rough country roads in all sorts of weather, unsparing of his own health and comfort if he might bring relief at some humble bedside, all who knew him lovingly and tenderly bear witness. His presence in the sickroom brought comfort and cheer to anxious hearts, and with infinite patience and sympathy and remarkable tact he ministered to all with unfailing courtesy. He was especially fond of children, and little ones looking into his kindly face instinctively knew him as a friend. As a man he possessed a simplicity of manner and rectitude of character that won him the high esteem of his fellow-citizens, and his friendship once gained was as true as steel. The arduous duties of a country physician told severely on his health as the years went by, and in 1888 he retired from practice and removed to Farmington, to be near his brother, Dr. Jere Elkins, who had read medicine with him in the early years of his practice. Here he lived for seven years, in the neighborhood of his boyhood days, cheered and comforted by the true-hearted wife whose greatest joy was to minister to his welfare, and even in his own weakness giving professional aid to old neighbors and friends while life remained. For many months he battled bravely with disease and pain, guarding even from his own household the premonitions of sudden death he himself recognized only too well. The end came suddenly and sharply, and mercifully spared from prolonged suffering he passed away Sept. 8, 1895. His body lies at rest in the cemetery at Scytheville which he was largely instrumental in securing, and the village now bears the name of him whose memory is revered among the people he loved so well. Dr. Elkins had travelled extensively, had a broad and thoroughly cultured mind, and was a delightful conversationalist. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity,

and was buried under their auspices. His first wife, whom he m. in 1863, was Anna R. Pendergast of Barnstead, b. 1836, who d. April 11, 1864. Dr. Elkins m. (2), March 4, 1873, Sarah J. Pendergast. Mrs. Elkins now res. in Farmington, and is a welcome visitor at Elkins during the summer months.

EMERY, MASON W.—The Emerys are a Wilmot family for two generations back, Daniel, grandfather of Mason, having been one of the earliest settlers in the Jones hill neighborhood. Matthew, second son of Daniel, m. Elnora, dau. of Perley Messer of Wilmot, and was a farmer. Elnora m. (2) Simon Grace, whose first wife was Almina, dau. of Johnson Rolfe [377]. Matthew's children were,—1. Mason Whipple, b. June 12, 1861. 2. Arthur, b. March 9, 1864; m., Jan. 1, 1888, Carrie Jackman of Springfield, and res. in Penacook. 3. Nettie, b. May 26, 1869, who m. Sidney Pedrick of N. L. 4. Micajah, unmarried, and res. at Wilmot. 5. Addie, d. young. 6. Lilla, res. with her mother. Mason Emery is a thoroughly industrious man, and in his earlier years worked in the scythe shops. He has also worked at blacksmithing, and is at present doing a large business as butcher and saw-miller, besides carrying on the John King farm near the Wilmot line, where he has res. since November, 1882. He m., Oct. 28, 1882, Helen M., dau. of Moses H. Haskins [483]. Children:

1. Roy E., b. Oct. 20, 1884.
2. Florence M., b. Aug. 13, 1888.
3. Gertrude, b. July 24, 1891.

FARREN, REV. WILLIAM A.—William A. Farren was b. in Somerville, Mass., Jan. 30, 1852, the son of William and Caroline (Denton) Farren. He was converted at the age of thirteen, and was baptized at Weymouth, Mass., April 29, 1866. In 1870 he graduated from the Weymouth High school, from Brown university in 1875, and Newton Theological institution in 1879. He received his ordination as pastor of the North Billerica (Mass.) church Sept. 24, 1879, and retained that position until July, 1888. In March, 1889, he was settled in his New London pastorate, where for a decade he has labored faithfully and earnestly, preaching truth without fear or favor, and in all things honoring the precepts taught. He is an enthusiastic amateur photographer, and his scenic views have the hall-mark of the true artist. By his courtesy several



REO E. FARWELL.

pictures of special interest have been reproduced for this volume. Mr. Farren m., Oct. 27, 1880, Jessie P., dau. of Albert L. and Joanna B. (Wheeler) Avery of Groton, Conn., b. Sept. 15, 1855. Mrs. Farren is an ideal pastor's wife, thoroughly educated, and endowed with a simplicity of manner and tenderness of sympathy that endear her to all. Children :

1. Alice P., b. Sept. 7, 1881.
2. Carrie Louise, b. Oct. 6, 1883.

FARWELL, REO E.—One of the truly popular men in the present generation is Reo Ellsworth Farwell, son of Reo A. Farwell [466]. Gentle and sensitive in disposition, tactful and courteous with all, his record in the town where he has lived as boy and man is one to be proud of. An earnest worker in the church, and a fine singer, he was a tower of strength in the religious services at Elkins during his residence at Low Plain on the Penuel Everett farm. He taught several terms of school with marked success, and as a member of the school board and as town clerk performed his duties with the same fine sense of honor that governed his daily walk. Since early in 1897 he has made his home in Lynn, Mass., where he is in business with his brothers. Mrs. Farwell is the oldest dau. of William S. Carter [578]. She was educated at Penacook and Colby academies, and taught several terms of school. Children :

1. Arthur Reo, b. Jan. 31, 1888; d. Feb. 18, 1888.
2. Esta, b. May 15, 1889.
3. Robert Reo, b. July 31, 1896. *Ken*

FELLOWS, MOSES A.—Moses A. Fellows, son of Moses A. and Augusta (Fellows) Fellows of Boscawen, and a connection of the Fellows families of Salisbury, was b. Oct. 2, 1852. His father was a contractor and builder, and Moses, Jr., learned the trade of a brick mason. He worked for several years in the Provinces, and is an expert in terra cotta finishing. After his marriage to Addie M., dau. of Joseph Colby Messer [505], Moses res. at N. L. in the Mrs. Maria Messer house, and was in partnership with the Russells at the corner store. He kept store for a while at Otterville, then returned to the village and worked at his trade. In March, 1892, the family removed to Scytheville, where they own and occupy a cottage in the village. Mrs. Fellows is a writer of considerable

ability, inheriting her father's poetic and artistic talents in large degree. Children :

1. Frank A., b. Nov. 13, 1879.
2. Harry A., b. Sept. 7, 1881.
3. Maude C., b. Aug. 12, 1883.
4. Ernest C., b. Sept. 23, 1884.
5. Robert G., b. Dec. 1, 1885 ; d. Dec. 23, 1891.
6. A. Lulu, b. Dec. 26, 1886 ; d. Dec. 8, 1891.

FLETCHER, REV. STEPHEN C.—Rev. Stephen C. Fletcher, pastor of the New London church from 1874 to 1887, was a native of Skowhegan, Me., b. July 23, 1833. He fitted for college at Bloomfield academy, and graduated from Colby university in 1859 ; taught school for a year in Lincoln, Me., and was principal of Bloomfield academy when in the spring of 1862 he organized a company in Skowhegan and went to the front. He was in the Army of the Potomac throughout his service, and saw plenty of fighting ; was promoted for gallantry at Petersburg, and was mustered out as colonel. Mr. Fletcher graduated from Newton Theological seminary in 1867, and after a seven-years pastorate in Wilton (this state), came to N. L. Here he labored faithfully for fourteen years, and reaped rich harvests in proportion as he toiled, receiving into the church at one time 60 members. From 1888 to 1893 he was pastor of the church at Dexter, Me., leaving them in a condition of prosperity they had never before known when he resigned his charge on account of seriously impaired health. After a year's rest he took charge of the church in Munson, Me., serving until stricken down with paralysis in October, 1896. He rallied sufficiently to make a visit to Dexter in the latter part of November, but a chronic heart trouble re-asserted itself, and he passed peacefully away on the morning of Dec. 10, 1896. Mr. Fletcher was a man with many lovable qualities, faithful and earnest in the performance of duty, and deeply interested in young people. During his residence here he was for some years superintendent of the public schools, and held the same position in Munson. His was a life that glided along smoothly and quietly, but it was full of kindness, love, and unostentatious good works. He m., Jan. 18, 1863, while at home on furlough, Miss Vesta C. Marble of Waterville, Me., a helpmeet whose loving ministrations

made life better and brighter for those with whom and for whom she labored. Mrs. Fletcher d. in Munson, June 11, 1895. Children :

1. Emeline Marble, b. Waterville, Me., Dec. 5, 1863; graduated Colby academy in 1882, taught school in Stoneham, Mass., and graduated from Colby university in 1891; taught at Mount Hermon, Mass., and St. Martin's, N. B., until her marriage, Aug. 14, 1895, to Prof. C. E. Dickerson, vice-principal and head of Scientific department at the Mt. Hermon school.
2. Edwin Newton, b. Newton, Mass., April 23, 1866; graduated Colby academy in 1882, and from Colgate university and its theological department; m., May 23, 1892, Edith A. Teed of Trout Creek, N. Y., and sailed for China in the fall; was engaged in mission work at Huchan until January, 1896, when they returned to this country. After a two-years pastorate in Fairfield, Me., Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher returned to China in the fall of 1898. Children: Stephen Edwin, b. and d. in China; Ruth, b. China, Oct. 11, 1895; John, who lived only a day, b. in Fairfield, Me.
3. William John, b. Wilton, Dec. 24, 1871; graduated from the Dexter High school, fitted for college at Mount Hermon, Mass., and is a member of the class '00, Lehigh university, Bethlehem, Pa.

FOLSOM, CHARLES E.—Charles E. Folsom, a practical mechanic, and foreman in the manufacturing process at the scythe works, made his home in Scytheville from 1869 to 1889. He is the brother of Lorenzo Folsom [472], and was b. Aug. 1, 1833; learned his trade at North Wayne, Me., and was a member of the firm of Hubbard, Blake & Co., West Waterville, Me., before coming to N. L.; is now overseer of the scythe works at Winsted, Conn. During his residence here he built what was then the best and most conveniently arranged house in the village, now owned by Augustus S. Messer. Mr. Folsom m., Jan. 1, 1857, Mary Shackley of Oakland, Me., b. June 23, 1833. Mrs. Folsom d. Sept. 21, 1895, and is buried in the Elkins cemetery, of which Mr. Folsom is one of the original shareholders. Their children are,—

1. Walter H., b. Aug. 27, 1861; d. May 8, 1862.
2. Edward N., b. April 25, 1864; m., Nov. 6, 1885, Alice, dau. of Isaac Johnson of Nashua; is a member of the firm, Hast-

ings & Folsom, of Waterbury, Conn., general agents of the New England Mutual Life Insurance company of Boston.
Children :

- (1). Agnes Johnson, b. Dec. 23, 1890.
- (2). Evelyn, b. April 23, 1895.
3. Lora E., b. June 19, 1866 ; m., Nov. 16, 1888, Edgar, son of Austin and Abbie Loverin of Andover ; res. at Wilmot Flat.
Children :
- (1). Ruth Gertrude, b. April 12, 1890.
- (2). Robert Edgar, b. Feb. 7, 1892.

FRENCH, GEORGE A.—George A., son of William and grandson of John French [473], is a trusted and faithful employé at Soonipi-side Park. He m., Sept. 1, 1891, Gertrude J. Hubbard, a native of Rochester. Child :

1. Alfred Hubbard, b. June 21, 1896.

GARDNER, CHRISTOPHER C.—Christopher, youngest son of Samuel Gardner [476], returned to N. L. in March, 1893, when he purchased the Elder Job Seamans homestead on Pleasant street, removing hither from Biddeford, Me. He has been a photographer more than forty years, doing work of high artistic excellence. Several of the engravings in this volume are of portraits from his studio, where he is ably assisted by Miss Emma Bartlett, sister of Mrs. Gardner.
Children :

1. Joseph Greeley, b. March 11, 1860 ; graduated A. B. from Dartmouth college, 1883, receiving later the degree of A. M. ; is a graduate of the Law school of Iowa State university, and has been very successful in business in Des Moines, Ia. Joseph m., Aug. 8, 1894, Callie Kasson Smith, who d. March 17, 1896. Child :
- (1). Edmond, b. and d. March 17, 1896.
2. Charles Christopher, b. Feb. 28, 1866 ; graduated A. B., at Dartmouth, 1888, and also fitted as a civil engineer ; later received his degree as A. M., and has for several years been a bank cashier in Sargent, Neb. Charles m., Dec. 29, 1891, Jennie B., dau. of Henry C. Gilpatrick, late cashier of the Somersworth National bank at Somersworth. Children :
- (1). Marion, b. Oct. 30, 1892.
- (2). Henry C., b. Sept. 30, 1894.
- (3). Helen Aldis, b. Aug. 6, 1898.
3. George Warren, b. Nov. 5, 1872 ; graduated from Brown university, and is now a medical student at Harvard:



CAPT. BAXTER GAY.

GARDNER, GUY HUBBARD, M. D.—Dr. Guy Gardner, oldest son of Rev. George W. Gardner [473], is a native of N. L., and has made his home in this town since 1889. He graduated from Harvard Medical school in 1879, and after a year of hospital work settled in Somersworth, where he was very successful in practice until failing health compelled him to seek a more favorable climate. After spending several seasons in Florida he practised for a brief time in Winchester, Mass. Dr. Gardner is an earnest student, and there are few better read physicians in the state. He is especially helpful in consultation. Children:

1. Frederick Winsor, b. Jan. 25, 1885.
2. Walter Cutler, b. March 5, 1888.
3. Margaret, b. Oct. 18, 1889.
4. Robert Leland, b. Nov. 15, 1891.
5. Guy Hubbard, b. Aug. 27, 1893.
6. Celia Hubbard, b. May 31, 1895.

GAY, CAPT. BAXTER.—As a progressive, broad-minded citizen, apt to perceive opportunities and quick to improve them, Capt. Baxter Gay, youngest son of Benjamin W. and Sarah (Messer) Gay [347], is a radical departure from the old-time conservatism that has too often marked the dweller in a country town. In the development of the summer guest business he was among the first to open his pleasant home to the oncoming host. Year by year his popularity as a landlord brought increasing numbers, and the house was enlarged and re-enlarged, until the present "Glengae," a commodious and comfortable hostelry accommodating about 100 guests, was the result. The location is among the best, the broad piazzas shaded by leafy maples and whispering pines look away to distant hills, and the clear waters of Lake Sunapee, sparkling in the sunlight, lure the visitor to a closer acquaintance. That Captain Gay is a busy man goes without saying, but he is always interested and ready to lend a helping hand to any public enterprise. His title as captain was gained in the service of the Messer Rifles. He was among the pioneers in the organization of the local grange, and is now district deputy of the state grange. He was an earnest advocate of the public library, and the first to offer a donation of books and magazines. Mrs. Gay, an able coadjutor in her husband's enter-

prise and progressiveness, is a sister of Charles I. Brown [576], Children :

1. Florence Roxanna, b. Oct. 16, 1874; m., June 3, 1897, Frank M. Stanley; res. in N. L.
2. Fred Baxter, b. March 13, 1876; m., June 16, 1897, Agnes Drown; res. in N. L.
3. Delia Mae, b. July 14, 1877.
4. Clarence Woodbury, b. March 20, 1879; m., October, 1898, Mabel C., dau. of Charles I. Brown [576].
5. Frank, b. Aug. 7, 1882.
6. Walter, b. March 17, 1885.

GAY, DEA. CHARLES W.—It is a singular fact that in four out of the five historical periods from 1779 to 1898, there has been some one man whose influence and position in town affairs have been paramount, a sagacious counsellor and able administrator of public trusts. Along with the names of Joseph Colby, Josiah Brown, and Luther McCutchins, each of whom served many years as chairman of the board of selectmen, may be written that of Charles W. Gay, who in the last twenty years has served his fellow-citizens most loyally in both private and public trusts. For fifteen years he has given the town an honest, conservative administration, and has shown himself an able, clear-headed executor of municipal interests. He has been a valued officer of the church for many years, was representative in 1891, master of the grange 1886-87, and has served on the school board. In his friendships he is loyal, in his principles steadfast, in his honor unimpeachable, a credit to himself, his family, and his native town. The youngest child of Asa and Susan (Morrill) Gay [346], he comes of good blood, and his farm, inherited from his father and grandfather, is one of the best in the Low Plain district. Anna (Wood) Gay, b. Sept. 18, 1854, was carefully educated in public and private schools, and taught in Scytheville before her marriage. Keen-witted, practical, and capable, she is an acquisition to any circle, and a most devoted wife and mother. Children :

1. Abby Lona, b. March 1, 1878; member of the class of 1899, Colby academy.
2. Edward Hyde, b. March 9, 1880.
3. Susan Morrill, b. Dec. 18, 1884.
4. Nora Maria, b. Feb. 3, 1889.

GAY, FRED B.—Among hotel proprietors Fred B. Gay, son



DEA. CHARLES W. GAY.

of Capt. Baxter Gay above, is certainly one of the youngest, his new house, "The Brocklebank," having been opened to the public in 1896; but he has had the benefit and training of his father's experience, and is himself deserving of the highest success. "The Brocklebank," named for the pioneer, Capt. Samuel Brocklebank [73], has a capacity of sixty guests, is fitted with modern conveniences, and occupies a sightly location. Mrs. Gay is the dau. of Andrew J. and Ellen (Dopp) Drown of Sheffield, Vt., b. Saranac, N. Y., April 15, 1871, and is one of the brightest and most popular women of the present generation. Both Mr. and Mrs. Gay are active workers in the church and grange, and they have a promising future before them. Child:

1. Paul Baxter, b. March 14, 1898.

GOINGS, EDWIN F.—This son of Giles Goings and nephew of Austin Goings [479] is joint owner of the mill property at Otterville with Hiram, nephew of George Eastman [586]. Jennie (Merrill) Goings is the dau. of Benjamin and Abbie (Sweatt) Merrill of N. L., and was b. in Andover.

GORDON, CHARLES W.—A man of sterling character is a desirable acquisition in any community, and as such Charles Woodbury Gordon, a native of Thetford, Vt., has proved himself, in the years that he has resided in this town. He is the son of Thomas J. and Mary Ann (Austin) Gordon, and was b. June 16, 1860. After his marriage to Mary, dau. of George M. Knight [494], Mr. Gordon had charge of a branch store of a Boston firm at Montreal, until his health compelled him to resign. After a year spent in his native town, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon returned to N. L., and since the spring of 1890 they have res. at the Knight homestead, their strong young shoulders bearing the brunt of the many cares entailed by the generous hospitality that every season fills this spacious farmhouse to overflowing with summer guests. With all their home duties both are active workers in the church. Mrs. Gordon is one of the brightest and most intellectual of New London's daughters, and taught very successfully for several years. Children:

1. Mary M., b. Montreal, Canada, Oct. 31, 1886.
2. George K., b. Montreal, Canada, Dec. 13, 1888.
3. Frances M., b. April 23, 1892.
4. Charles Adams, b. May 15, 1894.

GROSS, MARTIN.—Martin Gross removed from Springfield to N. L. about 1877. He res. at Burpee hill on the Ai Worthen farm, and also owned the Hanaford place near the Four Corners; removed to Croydon, where Martin d. Aug. 6, 1887, aged 83 years. His wife was Hannah Muzzey. Children:

1. Betsey, m. ——— Barton, and res. in Croydon.
2. Rufus S., b. 1829; m., about 1847, Elizabeth Spooner of Springfield, b. 1829, and a sister of Mrs. R. Maria Smith of N. L. Mr. Gross drove the Bradford stage for several years. He and his wife res. with the old people, and later in the cottage on the Colby farm. They are now living at Tilton. Mr. Gross is a veteran of the Fifteenth N. H. V., having enlisted from Canaan, Sept. 1, 1862, and was mustered out Aug. 13, 1863. Children:
 - (1). Mattie M., a faithful and valued employee for many years in the Aiken hosiery mills at Tilton.
 - (2). Laura L., was employed several years in the family of Dr. French of Manchester. In 1892, while visiting at N. L. she walked to the postoffice, and on her return home complained of exhaustion, dying before her outer clothing could be removed.
 - (3). Arthur, m., and has two children.
3. Nancy, m. (1) Moses Harvey Lovering of Springfield, who d. May 14, 1853; m. (2) William S. Messer [508]. Child by first marriage:
 - (1). Nettie, b. June 7, 1853; m. Edward Huntoon of Franklin, and d. April 4, 1888. Children: (a) Harvey, a young man of much literary promise; was connected with the "Franklin Transcript," and in his frequent visits to N. L. wrote very pleasantly of the place and people for that paper; d. Jan. 1, 1894. (b) Dana, is deceased. (c) Dura, res. with his father at Boscawen.
4. Hannah, m., ——— Stevens, and res. in Croydon.
5. John, b. 1833; enlisted from Danbury, Sept. 17, 1862, in the Fifteenth N. H. V.; was company cook; d. with measles, May 9, 1863, at Carrollton, La.
6. Sylvanus, m., and res. in Henniker. Three children.
7. Sarah
8. Daniel
9. Mary Ann

} all d. at home,
 } under 20 years of age.

HASKINS, ALLEN E —Allen, only son of Moses Haskins [483], and named for the gallant young soldier uncle who laid down his life in the Civil War, is one of the thriving farmers

in the Elkins contingent. Abby Idella (Powers) Haskins is the dau. of William Powers of West Andover, and was b. Nov. 30, 1865. Children :

1. Lottie May, b. April 19, 1892.
2. Helen Emery, b. April 2, 1896.

HASKINS, EVANS G.—Evans, son of Evans, and grandson of Asa L. Haskins [349], was b. in Manchester; m. Mae E. Adams of Tilton; res. in Elkins. Child :

1. Clyde G., b. March 3, 1894.

HASTINGS, EDWIN F.—The Hastings homestead in the West Part is now owned by Edwin F., only surviving son of the late Amos Hastings [483]. He is a thrifty and enterprising citizen, and an earnest promoter of the development of Lake Sunapee as a leading summer resort; has served on the board of education and in other town offices, and is a justice of the peace. Rosa (Roby) Hastings, b. Sept. 1, 1858, is the dau. of Joseph Roby of Springfield, a niece of Mrs. Jonathan George [478] and the late John B. Roby [522], and a sister of Frank Roby who m. Ida, dau. of Augustus Preston [518]. They have no children.

HAYES, ARCHIE M.—Archie M., youngest son of George W. F. Hayes [350], purchased the Joseph Adams farm on Pleasant street in May, 1897; where he now res. Annie (Jordan) Hayes is a native of Ellenburg, N. Y., the dau. of James H. and Jennie S. (Oldham) Jordan, and was b. May 6, 1876. Child :

1. Robert Henry, b. Aug. 15, 1897.

HAYES, GEORGE.—A steady-going, industrious farmer, an exemplary citizen, one whose diligence and thrift will win him success in the walks of life, is George Hayes, fourth son of George W. F. Hayes [350]. He was employed for some time in Manchester, but of late years has owned a tidy farmstead at the foot of Burpee hill. He is a charter member of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F., and served as master in 1896. Alice (Messer) Hayes, dau. of Lieut. Frank P. Messer [504], was the first noble grand of Crystal Rebekah lodge after its organization. No children.

HAYES, JAMES F.—James F., second son of G. W. F. Hayes [350], is one of the leading men of the present generation, and few are more worthy. A hard-working farmer, diligent in

business, faithful to private and public duties, he has won the genuine esteem and confidence of his fellow-citizens. Since his marriage to Annie, only child of Charles C. Pingree [516], the young people have res. at the Pingree homestead, lightening with filial love and care the loneliness and burdens of advancing years. Their only child is,—

1. William Charles, b. Nov. 7, 1890.

HAYES, WILLIAM.—A native of Grafton, William Hayes has res. in Elkins since 1896. His wife, Mary Augusta (Prescott) Hayes, is the dau. of John H. Prescott, and owns the Eliphalet Smith cottage at Elkins. Children:

1. Margaret E., b. Dec. 11, 1897.

2. Raymond Patterson, b. Nov. 29, 1898.

HOLMES, ARTHUR W.—Arthur Walter Holmes, a native of Sunapee, has been a resident of N. L. since his marriage, July 17, 1893, to Nettie, younger dau. of Edmund Davis [460], with whom they make their home. He is the oldest of five children born to Walter Eastman and Amanda M. (Woodward) Holmes (both natives of Vermont, and b. in 1833 and 1830 respectively), and was b. Dec. 11, 1864. In the five years he has lived here Mr. Holmes has made many friends, and is an influential member of Heidelberg lodge, I. O. O. F. Mrs. Holmes is a graduate of Colby academy, class of 1890, and has taught in the town schools. She is an earnest student, and has rendered valuable assistance in searching out the records of several families of whom all trace would otherwise have been lost. She is a great-granddaughter of the pioneer, Daniel March [121], and has lately secured additional information concerning the family, which it is a pleasure to publish in this connection. The first March in this country was the Hugh March who came to America from Newbury, Berkshire county, England, in 1640, and settled in what is now Newburyport, Mass. His son Hugh, the second of five children, m. Sarah Moody and had nine children, one of whom, Joshua, m. Martha Merrill and had four children. Joshua's son John m. Sarah Brocklebank and settled in Georgetown, Mass., where they reared a family of eleven boys and girls,—among them the Daniel who came to N. L. The Sarah Brocklebank who m. John March was doubtless a connection of Capt. Samuel Brocklebank [73]. Child of Arthur and Nettie Holmes:

1. Shirley, b. Nov. 8, 1898.

HUNT, AMOS D.—Amos Hunt, who for about twenty years has res. on the John Everett location below Crockett's corner, is the son of Joseph and Tryphena (Davis) Hunt of Warner. Tryphena was the dau. of Jonathan and Lucy (Parker) Davis of Sutton, and a sister of Adam Davis [340] of Sutton and N. L. Amos m., Oct. 10, 1857, Rosette, dau. of Barney and Dolly (Powell) Sanders (both natives of Grafton). The Sanders family res. in several locations in N. L., and Barney Sanders d. here, May 31, 1882, aged 84 years. His widow res. with her dau., and is one of the oldest persons now living in town. Children:

1. Mary Jane, b. July 18, 1859; d. young.
2. Arabelle, b. Dec. 5, 1861; d. young.
3. William H., b. Aug. 24, 1863. [See below.]
4. Ida, b. March 19, 1865; d. Feb. 1, 1880.
5. Mary Ellen, b. July 19, 1869; m. William Chase [579].
6. John Fred, b. Aug. 23, 1873; m., Dec. 30, 1895, Mabel May, dau. of Joseph and Marinda Duso of Warner.
7. Frank G., twin to Fred; m., Sept. 25, 1895, Sadie A., dau. of Walter B. Chase [579]. Children:
 - (1). Howard F., b. July 5, 1896.
 - (2). Emma Jane, b. Oct. 18, 1898.
8. Abby, b. May 25, 1875; m. Edwin Ashby [512].

HUNT, WILLIAM H.—William, oldest son of Amos Hunt above, is an industrious and hardworking man, and by prudence and economy has acquired the Daniel Annis place at Low Plain. His wife, Mary (Chase) Hunt, whom he m. June 29, 1885, is a sister of William Chase [579]. No children.

HURD, HORACE P.—The original Jedediah Jewett place in the West Part neighborhood has for several years been owned and occupied by Horace P. Hurd. He is a native of Londonderry, the son of George and Nancy J. (Woodburn) Hurd, and m., July 5, 1880, Katie O., dau. of Claude Goings [480], b. Sept. 2, 1860. No children.

JEWETT, FRANK P.—The only son of James Monroe Jewett [489] now res. with his brother-in-law, Robert L. Davis [459], on the old Anthony Sargent farm at the West Part. Sarah (Pike) Jewett, dau. of James Miller Pike [373], d. May 19, 1889. Children:

1. Eva A., b. Dec. 23, 1882.
2. George, b. Aug. 29, 1884.

JONES, JOHN.—John, grandson of Josiah and Esther (Fellows) Jones (who res. in Danbury in later life), and son of Jonathan and Sarah (Thayer) Jones of Quincy, Mass., was b. July 11, 1840. Sarah (Thayer) Jones was the dau. of a sea captain who res. in Braintree, Mass. Jonathan Jones d. in N. L., Oct. 15, 1879, aged 76 years. John came to N. L. in 1877, to work in the scythe shops; ran the engine in the Jones tannery for a while, then was in the scythe shops until they were closed in 1889. Since that date he has been an engineer in Grafton, had charge of the creamery at Sutton Mills four and a half years, and is now living at Elkins. He is a member of King Solomon's lodge, F. and A. M., and of Prescott Jones post, G. A. R., having enlisted from Sanbornton (Tilton) in the Twelfth N. H. V., Aug. 13, 1862. He was wounded at Chancellorsville, Va., May 3, 1863, and was discharged at Washington, D. C., Aug. 14, 1865. He m., Nov. 28, 1861, Eliza Jane, dau. of Asa L. Haskins [349], and res. opposite the Simon Grace place, near the Wilmot and N. L. line, before removing to the pleasant cottage he now owns and occupies at Elkins. Children:

1. John Allen, b. Dec. 1, 1862; m. Carrie, dau. of Dearborn Gray of Grafton; res. in Grafton, and is a farmer. Children: Harry, Linn, Howard, Lizzie (deceased), Gertrude.
2. Lucy Ann, b. Aug. 16, 1866; d. Feb. 20, 1869.
3. Lucy Ann, b. March 21, 1870; m., Sept. 1, 1890, Ezra J. Bourne of Sandwich, Mass.; res. in Middleboro, Mass. Mr. Bourne is a cutter in the shoe shop. Child: Rhoda C.
4. Kitty M. C., b. May 12, 1874; m., Oct. 18, 1894, Edwin Leroy, son of Henry M. Todd [532].

KEIL, RALPH H.—The comfortable, well-kept homestead of the late Henry Gates [345] is now owned by his grandson, Ralph H. Keil, one of the most enterprising and energetic young farmers of the present generation. He has grown from boyhood to man's estate among New London people, winning hosts of friends with his bright face and cheery ways; is a graduate of Colby academy, a leading member of the band, and connected with the grange. Elizabeth (Todd) Keil, dau. of Asa N. Todd [532], is also a graduate of Colby academy, and is one of the most popular and capable teachers ever employed in the town schools.



WILLIE M. KNOWLTON.

KIMBALL, WYMAN P.—Wyman P. Kimball, b. North Wilmot, Jan. 17, 1832, m., Sept. 5, 1852, Martha A., dau. of Obediah and granddaughter of John Morgan, Jr. [130]. They res. in Enfield, and later in N. L., in the Reuben Call house on Summer street, where Mrs. Kimball d. May 5, 1894. Children :

1. George L., b. Aug. 6, 1853; d. Oct. 13, 1873.
2. Ida M., b. Aug. 18, 1857; m., March 5, 1877. Franklin P. Call [577].
3. Edward W., b. March 30, 1862; m. Ola E., dau. of Claude Goings [480]; res. in North Sutton. Children: Etta Belle, Cora May, Gladys O.
4. Cora B., b. Feb. 14, 1862; d. Feb. 20, 1883.

KNOWLTON, FRANK W.—Frank W., oldest son of N. Columbus Knowlton [496], res. opposite his father at the foot of Burpee hill for several years, removing to the village proper in 1893. He is a carpenter by trade, a thorough workman, and a loyal citizen. Emma (Little) Knowlton d. July 21, 1891, leaving three children, and Frank m. (2), Nov. 29, 1893, Elzina M., dau. of William P. and R. Maria (Spooner) Smith. Children :

1. Herbert L., b. May 3, 1883.
2. Wilbur C., b. Aug. 23, 1884.
3. Adney J., b. Oct. 11, 1887.
4. Bernice, b. Concord, Jan. 14, 1897.

KNOWLTON, WILLIE M.—The younger son of N. Columbus Knowlton [496] res. on the Knowlton homestead, and holds an enviable position in the genuine esteem and liking with which he is regarded by his fellow-citizens. As boy and man he has lived among them, making a clean and honorable record that is creditable alike to himself and the name he bears. He was an unusually apt and intelligent scholar, taught several terms with marked success, served very acceptably on the school board, and as clerk and moderator of the town school district wins golden opinions by his wise and discreet rulings. Diligent in his calling, public-spirited and enterprising, it would be hard to find a more deservedly popular man. Mary (Stanley) Knowlton is the dau. of Benton M. Stanley [530]. She was a thorough scholar and a fine teacher. Children :

1. Lura Gertrude, b. April 11, 1893.
2. Marion Isabel, b. Sept. 3, 1895.
3. Edgar Columbus, b. Jan. 1, 1898.

LAMSON, CHARLES A., M. D.—Dr. C. A. Lamson, son of Rufus Lamson below, succeeded to the practice of Dr. Merrill in the summer of 1894, removing from Wilmot Flat to Scytheville, where he res. in the Sherman Phillips house. His early education was acquired in the public schools of Cambridge, Mass., and at the Burdett Business college. He was at Proctor academy, Andover, for three years, then registered with Dr. M. C. Spaulding of Ashland. From November, 1888, to July, 1889, he was at the University of Vermont, the two following years being spent at Dartmouth Medical school, from which he received his degree as M. D. in 1891. He practised for a short time in North Cambridge, Mass., and then settled at Wilmot Flat. He is a skilful and well-read physician, fully alive to the duties of his profession, and prompt in response to the arduous demands of an extensive country practice. Mrs. Lamson is the dau. of Seth and Susan (Stearns) Goodhue of Wilmot, b. Aug. 15, 1865. Seth Goodhue is a brother of Dr. Goodhue of Springfield and Margaret (Goodhue) Trussell [394] of Wilmot, and is a prominent citizen. Dr. Lamson is an Odd Fellow, and he and Mrs. Lamson joined Crystal Rebekah lodge at its institution in 1896. Their only child is.—

1. Donald Charles, b. Feb. 7, 1895.

LAMSON, RUFUS W.—Rufus W. Lamson is the great-great-grandson of Joseph Lamson of Exeter. This Joseph was descended from either Barnabas or William Lamson, who emigrated from Durham county, England, and were in Ipswich, Mass., in 1630. Joseph Lamson's will, dated March 24, 1802, mentions his wife *Pamelia* and grandsons Caleb, Asa, John, and Rufus. Caleb, grandson of Joseph, was b. in Exeter, m. *Chase*, and d. at Newbury (now Newburyport), Mass., in 1821. Rufus, youngest of the four children of Caleb, b. at Newbury, m. Mary Jane, daughter of John Butler of Newbury: was a mason and builder, and res. and d. in Cambridge, Mass. Rufus William, oldest of the six children born to Rufus and Mary Jane, was b. Sept. 29, 1833. He is a mason and builder like his father, and worked at his trade in Cambridge until he removed to Scytheville in 1893. Mr. Lamson m., Feb. 23,



CHARLES A. LAMSON, M. D.

1858, Cyrene Dam Eaton, b. Feb. 27, 1837, dau. of Josiah Eaton of Cambridge, who m. Sarah Lord Dam of Newfield, Me. They res. in the spacious dwelling built by Nahum T. Greenwood in 1882, have named it "Hill Crest," and during the summer season find it none too large for the hosts of guests eager to avail themselves of generous hospitality and pleasant surroundings. Mr. Lamson has been an Odd Fellow for many years, and he and his wife have been members of Crystal Rebekah lodge of N. L. since its institution. Children :

1. William George, b. Nov. 23, 1860; unm.; res. in Boston, Mass., and is assistant secretary of Burdett Business college.
2. Albert Henry, b. Oct. 21, 1862; m., Dec. 22, 1897, Mary Ella, dau. of Jonathan and Mary D. Weeks of Lowell, Mass. Mr. Lamson is an earnest historical student, and the unusually complete genealogy of this family is due to his patient research.
3. Charles Allen, b. Nov. 25, 1865; m., Nov. 28, 1889, at Wilmot, Mary A. Goodhue. [See Lamson, Charles A., above.]
4. Rufus Edward, b. July 1, 1868; res. at home.
5. Gertrude Eaton, b. June 11, 1875; res. at home.
6. Ernest Eugene, b. Sept. 16, 1877; d. at Cambridgeport, Aug. 31, 1880.

LAW, JOHN K.—For nearly twenty-three years John K. Law has been a citizen of N. L., and that he has been regarded with favor by his fellow-men is attested by his record of service as moderator at annual and biennial elections on more than twenty-five occasions. He has been a justice of the peace for a quarter-century, and of the quorum for several years. For sixteen years he has been an auctioneer, and if any man can rush off a lot of goods at a fair figure, it is jovial John Law. Of his record as a citizen there is little need to speak, his public spirit having been amply attested already. He has served three terms on the board of selectmen, and on Nov. 8, 1898, was elected to represent the town in the legislature of 1899. On April 1, 1876, Mr. Law purchased what is now known as "Willow Farm" at the West Part. For several seasons he entertained as summer guests the family of Mr. James J. Tracy of Cleveland, Ohio, who were so pleased with the place that they finally prevailed on Mr. Law to sell. They took possession of their summer home in 1895, engaging Mr. Law as superintendent and care-taker of the large farm.

Mr. Law was b. in Franklin, Aug. 11, 1836, the son of James and Rebecca (Holt) Law, natives of Brookline, Mass., and Salisbury respectively. When he was three years old the family removed to Lowell, Mass., where he attended the public schools until the death of his father in 1850. Putting his shoulder to the wheel at this time, through the influence of friends and his own manly pluck he obtained work on the railroad, and was an engineer at the breaking out of the Civil War. He enlisted from Deerfield in the Eleventh N. H. V., ranking as sergeant; was injured at Fredericksburg, and discharged Jan. 19, 1864, for disability. For eighteen months he was unable to walk without the aid of crutches. The next five years were spent with a Boston firm, travelling through New England as a specialist in installing machinery. Then he was at Norfolk, Mass., for a time, starting a woollen factory, and after a four-years service as superintendent of the leather-board mill in Webster (this state), came to N. L. in 1875. He is a member of Anthony Colby post, is a Knight Templar, and was master of King Solomon's lodge in 1897. Mr. Law m., at Lowell, Oct. 12, 1858, Mehitable L., dau. of Ahijah and Maria (Scriggins) Ring of Portsmouth, b. December, 1835. Their children are,—

1. John W. H., b. Sept. 9, 1862; m. Myra Andrews of Warner; res. at Lawrence, Mass., where he is employed in a shoe factory.
2. Fred A., b. March 4, 1869; m., Aug. 27, 1890, Caroline Grace, dau. of Herman J. Currier [582]; is a machinist, and res. in Hartford, Conn. Child:
(1). Nina Ruth, b. Feb. 21, 1894.

LEONARD, CLARENCE H.—The Greeley Hunting farm at Low Plair was purchased by Clarence H. Leonard in 1895. He is the son of George and Susan (Ewell) Leonard of Marshfield, Mass., b. May 16, 1862. His father and grandfather were ministers, and preached in the Unitarian church at Marshfield over sixty years. They are descendants of English Leonards, who were very early in this country and founded iron works at Taunton, Mass. Clarence Leonard m., in 1895, Anna, dau. of Wales A. Rogers of Marshfield. Children:

- (1). Grace R., b. March 26, 1896.
- (2). Arthur, b. Oct. 7, 1897.



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LEONARD, WILLIAM C.—Among the many younger men who are prominent in business and social circles of N. L., is William C. Leonard, whose first connection with the town was as clerk in the drug store for Amos H. Whipple in 1890, and later with Dr. J. F. Merrill. Mr. Leonard is the son of Chapin and Harriet (Bean) Leonard of Glover, Vt., and was b. May 18, 1870. He was educated in the public schools at Glover, and at Lyndon institute. Following his clerking experience here, he studied at the Chicago College of Pharmacy, and began business for himself in 1894. He was appointed postmaster June 9, 1896, to fill the unexpired term of the late Charles A. Todd, giving eminent satisfaction by his courtesy and promptness. In 1898 he purchased a half interest in the Potter Place and New London stage line, admitting at the same time, Oscar T. Crockett as partner in his business as druggist. Mr. Leonard is prominently connected with Heidelberg lodge, and has taken much interest in developing the summer guest business. In May, 1897, he took charge of "Furlough Cottage," and for two seasons has kept it filled to overflowing. He was largely instrumental in securing the increased telephone facilities, and the central office of both lines is at the drug store. Mr. Leonard m., Aug. 29, 1892, Kate, dau. of Hon. Clarence P. and Annie (Chase) Owen of Glover, Vt. Child:

1. Hattie, b. May 23, 1894.

LORD, EDWARD O.—Edward O. Lord became a citizen of N. L. in 1882, when he bought of J. D. Fiske the Jonathan Carr farm on New London hill. Mr. Lord made a specialty of breeding Holstein-Friesian cattle, his full-blooded stock coming from the farm of Smith, Powell & Lamb, of Rochester, N. Y. From this stock came the high-grade Holsteins now so common in this vicinity, and with them the sale of milk to Boston consumers, a business which brings hundreds of dollars to the farmers annually. Mr. Lord is a native of Somersworth, b. March 1, 1856, the youngest child of Oliver Hubbard and Mary Whiting (Stevens) Lord, and a brother of Mrs. James P. Dixon [585]. Oliver H. Lord, son of Ephraim and Sarah (Goodwin) Lord, was b. Nov. 19, 1811, at "Old Fields," South Berwick, Me., a direct descendant of Capt. Nathan Lord and Capt. Philip Hubbard, two of the earliest settlers of Kittery, Me. Through his mother, Sarah Goodwin, he was

connected with the pioneer heroine, *Mehitable Goodwin*, whose wonderful physique and undaunted courage enabled her to withstand the hardships of an Indian captivity and finally to effect her escape and return home. *Oliver H. Lord* was a merchant, banker, and manufacturer in *Somersworth* from 1830 to 1882, when he removed to *N. L.*, and d. at the home of his son May 13, 1883. He was a member of the board of trustees of *Colby academy* for many years, and devoted much thought, labor, and money to the welfare of that institution. *Mary W. (Stevens) Lord*, b. Dec. 3, 1814, was the dau. of *Dr. Whiting* and *Abigail (Walker) Stevens* of *Shapleigh, Me.* *Dr. Stevens* was the notable physician of his section from 1825 to 1850, frequently riding on horseback thirty miles to visit regular patients, and much farther than that for consultation. *Mary (Stevens) Lord* d. at *Worcester, Mass.*, July 27, 1892.

Edward O. Lord received his education at *Berwick academy*, *Great Falls High school*, *Phillips (Andover) academy*, *Harvard college*, and *Colby university*, receiving his degree of *A. M.* from the last-named institution in 1880. After graduating from college in 1877, he taught school and read law for a year; then entered the newspaper business, and in the succeeding years has been connected in various capacities with the leading state papers. In 1893, *Mr. Lord* was solicited to supervise the preparation and publication of the *History of the Ninth Regiment, N. H. V.* Because of other important demands on his time, the major part of this manuscript was prepared for publication by his wife, whose capacity for historical work has also found scope in the present volume.

Myra Belle (Horne) Lord was b. at *Berwick, Me.*, Oct. 10, 1861, the dau. of *Edwin Pearl* and *Elizabeth (Frost) Horne*. She was educated in the public schools of *Somersworth*, and m. *Edward O. Lord*, March 12, 1880. Through her father she is a direct descendant of *Andrew Horne*, the pioneer settler of *Somersworth* (grandson of *William Horne*, taxed at *Cochecho [Dover]* in 1659), and of *Elder William Wentworth* the emigrant (at *Exeter* in 1639, and later of that part of *Dover* formerly *Somersworth* and now *Rollinsford*), many of whose descendants are notable in the annals of colonial and state history. *Elder William Wentworth* was of the twenty-first generation in direct descent from *Rynold (or Reginald) De Wynter-*



Myra B. Lord.

wade the Saxon, recorded in the famous Domesday Book as possessor in 1060 of what is now Wentworth manor in Sheffield county, England. Andrew Horne, Jr., great-grandfather of Mrs. Lord, was a soldier and drummer in the Revolutionary war. He m., March 19, 1777, Mary Wentworth, whose father and four brothers were at Bunker Hill and Ticonderoga. Mrs. Lord was b. in the opening year of the Civil War, and her earliest recollections are linked with that terrible conflict. Her father is a veteran, and had two brothers, James and Alanson, in the Twelfth Massachusetts and the naval service respectively, while her mother lost two brothers, Hugh and Thomas Frost, natives of Sanford, Me., on the battlefield. With such connections as these, it is easy to understand her strong predilection for historical work. The children of Edward O. and Myra B. Lord are,—

1. Mary Elizabeth, b. Somersworth, Jan. 3, 1881.
2. Edward Oliver, Jr., b. Jan. 27, 1882.
3. Edith, b. N. L., Nov. 13, 1883.
4. Robert Whiting, b. July 2, 1885.
5. Carey Stevens, b. Dec. 26, 1887.
6. Cedric Ashton, b. June 2, 1889; d. March 23, 1890.
7. Kenneth Andrew, b. Concord, Aug. 18, 1892.

LOVERING, ISAAC J.—Isaac J. Lovering, painter and carpenter by trade, who has been a citizen of N. L. for more than a score of years, was b. in Randolph, Mass., Sept. 6, 1837; enlisted May 17, 1861, and five days later was mustered into the service of the United States for three months as a member of Company D, Fourth Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry, under Colonel Packard. Mustered out July 22, 1861, he re-enlisted in his former regiment Sept. 23, 1862; was wounded at Port Hudson, La., June 14, 1863, and mustered out Aug. 28, 1863. Mr. Lovering m., Sept. 6, 1876, Susan C., dau. of Baruch Chase Clement [227]. He is a member of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., and has served on the board of selectmen and as tax collector. Children:

1. Mary Clement, b. Oct. 28, 1877.
2. George Chase, b. Sept. 19, 1879.

MEANS, MARK B.—Mark B., son of Thomas and Mary (Morgan) Means, of Blue Hill, Me., was b. April 13, 1836. He enlisted as ordinary seaman in the United States navy,

April 15, 1861, was assigned to the *Minnesota*, of the Eastern Gulf squadron, with headquarters at Hampton Roads, and was at the taking of Fort Clark, Hatteras Inlet, Oct. 29, 1861, the first naval engagement of the Civil War. After the capture of Forts Jackson and St. Philip, April 24, 1862, he was transferred to the *Sportsman*, of the Western Gulf squadron, with headquarters at Ship Island and New Orleans. The *Sportsman* was discharged at Pensacola in 1864, and Mr. Means, who had been commissioned as gunner, was transferred for temporary service on the *Tennessee*, Admiral Farragut's dispatch-boat, going from thence to the *Monongahela* at Mobile Bay. After the capture of Mobile the *Monongahela* cruised for blockade-runners, and it was while in this service that Mr. Means was taken sick and ordered by the medical inspector to report to the secretary of the navy for his discharge. He m., April 9, 1865, Annie H., dau. of Newton and Lois (Dodge) Stover of Blue Hill, b. Jan. 28, 1840; was engaged in farming at Alton and Sedgwick, Me., until 1883, when he accepted the position of steward at Colby academy, Mrs. Means acting as matron. In September, 1892, Mr. Means resigned his position at the academy, and res. in the Manning Seamen's house, which he enlarged and improved and opened as a summer boarding-house under the name "Furlough Cottage." Superior location and excellent management steadily increased the patronage of this house, which was leased to W. C. Leonard in the spring of 1897, Mr. and Mrs. Means retiring to take charge of the Herrick farm, where they have since had their home. Mr. Means is a Mason, and a member of Anthony Colby post.

MERRILL, BENJAMIN.—Another of New London's retired veterans is Benjamin Merrill, b. Dunbarton, May 11, 1831, the son of James and Susan (Silver) Merrill. He m., Jan. 20, 1856, at Andover, Abby C., dau. of Timothy K. and Susan (Hazelton) Sweatt of that town. Mrs. Merrill's maternal grandfather was Pearson Hazelton, a sea captain of Salem, Mass., who d. at Levant, Me.; most of his descendants now res. in that vicinity. Mr. Merrill res. in Andover, following his trade as a mason, and enlisted from that town June 20, 1862; served in Company C, Ninth N. H. V., was appointed corporal Jan. 1, 1863, and was discharged at Concord, May

15, 1865. He res. in Andover until March 29, 1881, when he removed to N. L., and has since res. on the Peter Sargent (Jr.) place at the West Part. Children :

1. Benjamin Frank, b. Dec. 4, 1857; m. (1), May 11, 1888, B. Josie, dau. of Hiram Baker [442]. Josie (Baker) Merrill d. Jan. 27, 1890, and he m. (2), June 12, 1892, Mary A. Ellis, of Cambridge, Mass., dau. of Michael and Ann Ellis. Frank is a mason by trade, and res. in N. L. until after the death of his first wife; now living in Salisbury. Children, by second marriage: Arthur W., Laura May.
2. Imogen, b. March 17, 1862; m. Calno Emerson of Salisbury, where she res. Calno is deceased. Children: James, Edith Olive, Edgar, Ina May, Warren, Rufus, Carrie Ednah, George Calno, Alice H.
3. George C., b. March 31, 1866; m. Carrie M. Chute of Lynn, Mass., where they res. They have three children.
4. Lydia F., b. May 5, 1868; m. George H., son of Alonzo Cross of Springfield, where they res. They have three children.
5. Jennie S., b. Sept. 2, 1871; m., Jan. 31, 1897, Edwin F. Goings [595].
6. Cora Belle, b. May 18, 1875; res. at home.

MERRILL, DR. JOHN F.—New London as a rule has been unusually fortunate in the high class of physicians who have practised here, and Dr. John F. Merrill, who succeeded Dr. J. P. Elkins in the fall of 1886, was no exception to the rule. He was b. in Gilmanton, June 5, 1856; educated in the public schools and at Gilmanton academy; studied medicine with Dr. Solomon Young of Pittsfield; took one course of lectures at Dartmouth Medical college, and completed his study at the University of Vermont, receiving his degree as M. D., July 21, 1886. It was no easy field in which he began his practice, for the New London physicians have always had a large clientage in neighboring towns. But Dr. Merrill brought to his work the enthusiasm and courage of youth, and an ardent belief in the dignity of his profession. No weather could daunt him, and day and night found him ever ready to respond to a call for help. His earnest devotion to duty, and his tender sympathy with the sick and helpless, made his reputation as a skilful physician, and won him a place in the hearts of the people for miles around. His removal to Franklin Falls in

the fall of 1894 was sincerely regretted. During his residence here he occupied the Dr. Elkins house at Scytheville until it was burned, Oct. 16, 1890; and res. in the Sherman Phillips house after that date. He was twice m., and had a dau., Edith, by his first wife. His second wife, Mrs. Abbie P. (Foss) Merrill, made many friends in the years that she spent here. A dau. by her first husband, Ethelwyn Foss, has graduated from Tilton seminary since their removal to Franklin, and is now studying for a physician. Edith Merrill graduated from the Franklin High school, and after a course at the State Normal school in Plymouth is teaching very successfully.

MESSER, ALFRED JAY.—Jay Messer, oldest son of Nathaniel and Eunice (Davis) Messer [506], ranks to-day among the best-informed and most progressive farmers in the community. He was foreman of Colby farm for many years during the life of Gen. Daniel E. Colby, who relied implicitly on his absolute fidelity. It was here that he m., Oct. 10, 1887, Mrs. Ellen (Bailey) French, then housekeeper at the Colby homestead. Since 1890 Mr. and Mrs. Messer have made their pleasant home at Bucklin's corner one of the most popular of the many summer hostelrys, under the name of "Highland House." Mrs. Messer is as irreproachable in her management within doors as her husband is without, and guests return season after season to enjoy her hospitality. Mrs. Messer has a son, Sidney, by her first marriage, now living in Laconia, and a dau., Effie, b. Jan. 25, 1868, who was educated at Colby academy and res. in N. L. until her marriage. Effie French m., April 10, 1895, William Langdon, son of James E. Taggart of Manchester, where they res., and have one child, Olive Angelia, b. Aug. 17, 1896.

MESSER, ALVIN F.—Possessed of one of the finest and best equipped farms in town, blessed with a devoted mother and one of the brightest and most capable of wives, Alvin F. Messer, only child of the late Stephen Messer [363], has reason to consider that the lines have fallen unto him in pleasant places. Trained in habits of prudence and industry, a close and faithful worker, his has been a quiet, uneventful life,—something to be thankful for in these days of incessant rush and hurry. His special forte is as a teamster, and what time can be spared from his own extensive interests is more than filled with outside



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demands. Both Mr. and Mrs. Messer are charter members of the local grange, have been unremitting in their interest in its welfare, and are leading lights in its dramatic entertainments. The pleasant farmhouse at "Sunny Ridge" entertains a few favored guests each season, and has been the summer home of the Misses Brown, daughters of John Brown [119], since their own family residence was given up.

MESSER, AUGUSTUS S.—The second son of Hon. Richard H. Messer [363] has not been a resident of the town for many years, but his loyalty to Scytheville, the dearly loved home of his boyhood and early manhood, has led him to acquire extensive real-estate holdings in that pretty village, and made him an important factor in its future development. He was educated at the early New London academy, and after a brief experience in the scythe shops was allowed to follow his natural bent for railroading. His early fondness for what proved to be his life work was evinced in the construction of a miniature railway along the banks of the river which flowed near his home, and while it lasted he was engineer, crew, and president of the "Blackwater railroad." At the age of eighteen he began his real career on the Northern railroad, which had then been in existence only a few years. But railroads grew fast in those days, and trainmen all over New England were smitten with the western fever during the '50s. Mr. Messer was one of the victims, and during 1855 to 1864 rose from brakeman to conductor on what is now the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad. From 1864 to 1867 he was in the South, one of his earliest duties being the charge of a supply train for General Sherman in his famous march to the sea. In 1867 he came to Boston, but after a year's experience on a branch of the Old Colony road decided to give up railroading. Returning to New Hampshire he started in the lumbering business, but a broken ankle and six months' reflection brought a return of the western fever, and for a brief while he ran as conductor on the Union Pacific. Once more, and for the last time, he came East, and from 1869 to 1872 ran on the Chesuncook Valley railway. Then, back with the Old Colony road, he began his present run from Boston to Wood's Holl, Mass. Since 1889 he has had charge of the "Dude" train, which was put on for the benefit of business men whose summer homes are on Cape Cod.

Nearly a half century of railroading has by no means exhausted Mr. Messer's physical endurance, and his portrait bears the marks of the rugged good-nature that has kept him young in spite of his years. Hard work, pluck, and perseverance have brought him a liberal measure of success, and that he may long live to enjoy it is the wish of his many friends. Mr. Messer m., May 29, 1855, Frances J., dau. of Otis and Harriet (Stockwell) Jones of Wilmot, and sister of Edwin A. Jones [489]. They res. in Milwaukee for seven years, then Mrs. Messer lived in N. L., in the cottage on the Austin Morgan place, while Mr. Messer was railroading in the South. They were in Pittsfield from 1869 to 1872, and since then have lived at Wood's Holl, where they have a delightful home. Two children have been born to them, one of whom d. in infancy; the other, Frederick Harold, b. Sept. 10, 1868, d. Jan. 30, 1878.

MESSER, EVARTS.—The younger generation is rapidly coming to the fore in the management and development of the summer guest business, and Evarts Messer, oldest son of Maj. William A. Messer [507], has had ample opportunity to prove his capacity in this direction during the last few years. "Red Gables" not only occupies an unique location at the head of Lake Pleasant, but its enterprising proprietor has made it deservedly popular by his careful attention to the comfort and convenience of his guests. Like most of the young people, both he and his wife are Grangers, and he is also connected with the Odd Fellows. Gertrude (Sleeper) (Hoyt) Messer was b. in Wilmot, the dau. of David Sleeper.

MESSER, EVERETT H.—Everett, adopted son of Joseph H. Messer [505], m., March 5, 1887, Emma J., dau. of Moses Messer [506]. They res. in the Pleasant-street neighborhood for a year or two, and since then have owned and occupied the Jonathan Everett house at Elkins. Children:

1. Ella b. June 27, 1888.
2. Unnamed son, b. April 30, 1890; d. May 19, 1890.
3. Sylvia E., b. June 28, 1895.

MESSER, ISAAC.—Isaac, son of Thomas Messer of Wilmot, and father of Moses Messer of N. L. [506], was a realty-holder in this town during his later years, and d. here April 2, 1882. Isaac m. (1) Thirza, dau. of Peter and Mary (Atwood)



AUGUSTUS S. MESSER.

Hurd of Newport, b. Jan. 19, 1813, and res. in Wilmot, Sunapee, and Goshen before coming to N. L., where he res. at Burpee hill on the farm now owned by Burke Whitney. His first wife d. in 1871, and he m. (2) Mrs. Lydia Rothwell. His widow m. Anthony Emerson, a shoemaker, and res. on the farm until she sold to Gilman H. Whitney. She is now living in Lowell, with children by her first husband. Isaac Messer's children were,—

1. Jane, m. Andrew J. Cutts, and res. at Newport; is deceased.
2. Nathaniel P., m. Caroline Merrill; res. in Newbury.
3. Amanda F., m. George K. Greeley, and res. in Sunapee; both deceased.
4. Elisha H., unmarried, and res. in Newbury.
5. Moses, m. Sylvia J. Lang; res. in Goshen and N. L. [506].
6. Harvey H., m. Louisa Whittaker, and res. in Goshen.
7. Alvin I., m., and res. in Milford.

MOREY, FRED.—The Moreys are a Wilmot family, settling in N. L. and Sutton largely because of marriage relations. Fred Morey of Elkins is the son of Solomon and Mary (Lovejoy) Morey, who res. on the "back road" to Wilmot Flat. Fred m. Antoinette M., dau. of Almon B. Whittier [541], and has,—

1. Violet, b. Nov. 22, 1893.
2. Harold W., b. Jan. 6, 1896; d. Sept. 15, 1896.

MOREY, HORACE.—Horace Morey, b. June 6, 1839, son of John and Martha (Woodward) Morey of Wilmot and Sutton and grandson of Capt. Joseph G. Woodward [400], m., April 28, 1859, Sarah C., youngest dau. of Nathan and Lydia (Carr) Morey of Wilmot and Sutton. They res. in Canaan several years, were at Hanover for a time, and res. in N. L. on the Adeline Everett place. From here they removed to Sutton, where Horace d. Feb. 2, 1889. Since his decease Mrs. Morey res. with her youngest son in the Frank Pike cottage at Elkins. Children:

1. Edgar O., b. Jan. 23, 1861; m. Abbie, dau. of John W. Taylor [531].
2. Bertha E., b. Aug. 21, 1862; m., Oct. 6, 1880, George Smart of Wilmot; res. in Wilmot, where Bertha d. June 14, 1884. Child:
(1). Bertha E., b. May 5, 1884.
3. Nellie M., b. Aug. 21, 1866; d. N. L., May 15, 1879.

4. John W., b. May 1, 1870; d. May 27, 1879.
5. Fred A., b. March 31, 1875; d. June 7, 1879.
6. Frederic, b. Feb. 16, 1879.

MORGAN, RICHARD S.—Richard S. Morgan is the grandson of Ephraim Morgan of Beverly, Mass., who with his wife settled very early in the neighboring town of Springfield and lived and d. there. Ephraim had seven sons, the youngest of whom, Eben, b. 1800, m. Abigail Rowe of Candia about 1830. Eben res. in Springfield, and d. there in 1853; Abigail d. Springfield, 1890. Of their children, Mary Ann, b. February, 1831, m. Charlton W. Woodbury and res. in N. L. Richard S., b. 1833, was the third child of Eben and Abigail, and has been a resident of N. L. since 1876. He m. Olive N. Messer, granddaughter of Isaac Messer [263], b. in the Nathaniel Messer house on Burpee hill April 7, 1833, the only one of the children of George W. Messer who was born in this town. They res. in the Jacob Worthen house at Otterville, which Mr. Morgan bought of Mrs. Betsey Worthen, May 4, 1876. The barn was struck by lightning July 29, 1887, and burned, together with the outbuildings. Mr. Morgan rebuilt and has a thoroughly comfortable and cosy home, and one of the tidiest farms in that section of the town. He is bluff, hearty, honorable in his dealings, and a thoroughly good citizen. Child:

1. Chester E., b. Dec. 16, 1861; m. Stella M. Perkins of Hartland, Vt., and res. in Stoneham, Mass. Child:
(1). Lawrence A., b. April 25 (Easter Sunday), 1886.

MORSE, JOHN WILLIAM.—The Morse families of America trace their descent from seven Puritans of that name who settled in this country between 1635 and 1639. "A Memorial of the Morses," by Rev. Abner Morse, A. M., published in 1850, gives brief genealogical data of ten thousand descendants of the Puritan Morses, and numbers among them many who have won distinction in the learned professions as well as the humbler though no less honorable tradesmen and mechanics. According to this authority the name Morse (or Morss) is of Norman origin and of great antiquity, and in England has been borne by men of high official station. Anthony Morse, Sr., who appears to have been the oldest of the early emigrants, settled in Newbury (now Newburyport), Mass., where he d. March 9, 1679-'80. Dea. Benjamin, his second son, m.

Ruth Sawyer, and had Joseph, who m., Oct. 7, 1696, Sarah Merrill, and res. in Methuen. Joseph, Jr., b. April 30, 1700, m., April 17, 1727, Patience Peacock, and had eight children, the youngest of whom, Paine, b. Aug. 13, 1747, m. and had several children. Paine's oldest son was Merrill, b. Nov. 7, 1776, who m. Hannah Currier, and was a blacksmith in Amesbury, Mass. They had nine children, the eighth being John Currier, b. Feb. 6, 1816. John C. res. in Amesbury, and was an expressman. He m. Salina, dau. of William Morss of Newburyport, and d. Feb. 27, 1882. Their second child was John William, b. Sept. 6, 1847. John came to N. L. in 1869, as a student at the New London institution. He m., April 8, 1875, Sarah E., dau. of Luther M. Trussell [395], and carried on the Trussell farm for a score of years. Sarah (Trussell) Morse was educated at New London institution, and possessed artistic ability of a high degree. Her death, Sept. 5, 1881, left many friends to mourn her early demise. Mr. Morse m. (2), Sept. 9, 1883, Mrs. Frances (Kempton) Leach, b. Stockholm, N. Y., 1857, the dau. of Lucius and Lucinda Kempton. Francis m. (1), Feb. 1, 1879, William P., son of Benjamin F. and Apphia Leach of Newbury, b. Enfield, 1847, by whom she had a son, Walter B., b. Oct. 23, 1879, who res. in N. L. and is a member of the Cadet band. William Leach res. on the farm now owned by Joseph Fletcher on the Sutton line, and later at Burpee hill, where he d. March 11, 1883. Since leaving the Trussell farm Mr. Morse has res. on Summer street, and in the Greene French house on Colby hill. He is a worthy citizen of his adopted town, intelligent, progressive in his thinking, and thoroughly posted on current topics. Morally, intellectually, and physically he is a credit to the name he bears. Children :

1. Luther Trussell, b. Aug. 10, 1876; res. in N. L.
2. Eliza G., b. January, 1878; d. Jan. 7, 1881.
3. Charlotte Elizabeth, b. Nov. 25, 1880; adopted by her aunt, Mrs. Mary (Trussell) Bennett; now res. at Colorado Springs, Col.
4. Francis E., b. July 13, 1884.
5. Alice, b. Nov. 23, 1885.
6. Ethel, b. May 13, 1889.
7. Celia G., b. June 24, 1891; d. Aug. 8, 1891.
8. Henry Howard, b. March 8, 1895.

NYE, WILLIAM C.—William C., son of Newell J. Nye [513], is a farmer, and res. at Elkins. His wife, Mary E. Nye, is the dau. of Norman B. Adams [441]. Children :

1. Maude E., b. Sept. 17, 1875 ; m., Feb. 5, 1893, Frank W. Pressey ; res. in N. L.
2. Belle M., b. April 2, 1878.
3. Earle H. N., b. July 4, 1880.
4. Charlie A., b. June 20, 1882.
5. Emil S., b. Sutton Mills, Sept. 14, 1883.
6. Hazel B., b. Aug. 7, 1888 ; d. Aug. 16, 1891.
7. Beatrice M., b. March 15, 1891.

PEASLEE, PROF. FRANK J.—As student, professor at Colby academy, and as a citizen, Frank J. Peaslee has borne an honorable record in this town during the last quarter-century. A man of high ideals and sterling principles, loyal in his friendships and kindly to all, he left the community poorer by his loss as a citizen. Mr. Peaslee was b. in Newbury, Feb. 25, 1854, and graduated from Colby academy in 1877. For eleven years he did admirable work as professor of mathematics at his alma mater, resigning in 1888 to take charge of a school at Fall River, Mass. From 1893 to 1897 he was associated with a business college at Salem, Mass., and was elected superintendent of schools at Revere, Mass., early in 1897. In all his career Mr. Peaslee's work has been characterized by his dominant traits of faithfulness and thoroughness, coupled with the rare gift of simplicity and clearness in presenting a subject before his class. During his residence here he was superintending school committee for two years, and rendered valuable service in raising the work done in the schools to a broader plane of usefulness. He was strong and helpful in the church, and showed himself in every way a power for good in the community. Professor Peaslee m., Aug. 31, 1881, Alice V. Trow of Bradford, b. June 2, 1858. They res. in the Manning Seamans house, which Mr. Peaslee greatly improved, also at Burpee hill on the Jewett place. Of late years the family has spent the summer in N. L. Children :

1. Mary Grace, b. Aug. 13, 1882.
2. George Arthur, b. Aug. 4, 1883.
3. Ralph Eugene, b. Dec. 29, 1885 ; d. March 22, 1891.
4. Dana Newton, b. Feb. 7, 1888.
5. Harold Trow, b. July 16, 1894.



JOHN D. PINGREE.



PEDRICK, SIDNEY M.—Sidney M. Pedrick, carpenter by trade and a thoroughly good citizen, has become a resident landowner at Elkins within the last decade. He has the respect and liking of his fellow-citizens for his genuine manliness and sturdy uprightness, and served on the board of selectmen in 1897. Mr. Pedrick was b. in Wilmot, Aug. 19, 1867, the son of Horace and Nancy (Ray) Pedrick and great-grandson of William Ray [277] by his son Moses, who m. Mary, youngest child of Samuel and Dolly (Brown) Prescott [134]. Joseph Pedrick, grandfather of Sidney, came from Beverly, Mass., and res. in Wilmot. Sidney m., Aug. 30, 1890, Nettie E., dau. of Matthew Emery of Wilmot and sister of Mason W. Emery [588]. Child:

1. Edith E., b. Aug. 29, 1894.

PHILBRICK, ANTHONY C.—Anthony, youngest son of Samuel J. Philbrick [371], succeeded to the home place, his two older brothers having died in the war. He is a hard worker, and is particularly skilful in the raising of vegetables. Laura (Ray) Philbrick, dau. of Asa Ray [375], was an energetic, industrious woman; d. Oct. 2, 1892. Children:

1. Emmeline C., b. Dec. 14, 1877; m., Oct. 16, 1896, Ralph W. Preston; res. in N. L.
2. J. Howard, b. Aug. 2, 1879.
3. Alice M., b. July 30, 1881.
4. George W., b. July 17, 1883.
5. Willie E., b. Jan. 31, 1885.
6. Sadie Eva, b. April 12, 1887.
7. Susie Elsie, b. April 19, 1889.

PIKE, FRANK—Frank, son of James Miller Pike [373], was the last of the Pike name enrolled as a citizen of N. L. In early manhood he was an attendant at the State Asylum for the Insane at Concord, and there met his wife, Ida (Brown) Pike, who was also employed there. They res. in N. L. in the family of Nahum T. Greenwood for several years, removing in 1882 to Scytheville, where they owned and res. in the Samuel Greenwood house. Mrs. Pike was a bright, cheery woman, a fine musician, and generally popular. Mr. Pike was employed in the scythe works until they were closed, and now res. in Peabody, Mass. No children.

PINGREE, ELWIN—Elwin, son of Walter Pingree [517], res. near his father on the Asa Pingree homestead, and is a steady-going young farmer. Children:

1. Leon Walter, b. May 28, 1894.

2. Elsie May, b. Sept. 12, 1897.

PINGREE, JOHN DOLE—There are but few of the pioneer settlers who have in the younger generation of their descendants a more worthy representative than is John, son of Nathan D. Pingree [516]. As boy and man he has lived in this town, and his course has been marked throughout by the same fearless independence and resoluteness of purpose that strengthened the arms of his dauntless sires in Revolutionary days. Unimpeachable in honor, true as steel to his friends, a staunch supporter of the church and its institutions, thoroughly loyal in his citizenship, genial and kindly in disposition, few men come nearer to the ideal citizen than he. He is a member of King Solomon's lodge, and has served his second term as master of the New London grange. Since his marriage he has replaced the historic Knowlton-Pingree dwelling with a handsome modern house, ample and convenient in its appointments as a home as well as for the accommodation of summer guests. Mary Elizabeth (Waterman) Pingree is the dau. of Charles and Elizabeth (Adams) Waterman of Enosburgh, Vt., and a niece of Mrs. George M. Knight [494]. With her sister Minnie (Mrs. Edgar F. Sargent) she was a ward of Mr. Knight, and her girlhood and early womanhood were passed in his family. She taught school several terms, and was a faithful and hard-working teacher. For a few years before her marriage she res. with her brother in North Dakota. Children:

1. Velma M., b. April 29, 1897; d. April 29, 1897.

2. George Nathan, b. April 28, 1898.

PRESCOTT, FRED O.—One of the busiest, brightest, and most energetic of the young men of to-day is Fred O. Prescott, only son of James D. Prescott below. From boyhood up he has been a tireless worker, and if push and pluck are the handmaidens of prosperity, Fred is on the high road to successful attainment. His energy and ability have been recognized by his fellow-citizens in his appointment to various public offices, duties on which he has brought to bear the same executive force displayed in his own affairs. Both he and his wife are



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members of the grange, and are popular in social circles. Mary (Knowlton) Prescott is the dau. of N. Columbus Knowlton [496], and inherits the vigorous temperament and sturdy self-reliance of that family. Children:

1. Ashley Gustine, b. May 12, 1886.
2. Carrie Lurette, b. Feb. 7, 1893; d. May 6, 1897.

PRESCOTT, GEORGE S.—In common with the other New London Prescotts, George S. is a descendant of the emigrant James Prescott who settled in Hampton in 1665, the said James being a great-grandson of the James Prescott of Standish who in 1564 was ordered by Queen Elizabeth "to keep in readiness horses and armor." George S. is the seventh of the ten children of Robert S. and Almira (Melcher) Prescott of Hampton Falls, and was b. Sept. 21, 1837. He m. (1), Nov. 26, 1859, Emma Cotton of Sandown, who d. in November, 1860. In the draft of August, 1863, he was among the allotted quota, but furnished a substitute for three years in the Thirteenth N. H. V. Soon after he removed from Sandown to Amesbury, Mass., and there m. (2), Dec. 24, 1864, Laura D., dau. of John P. Sargent of West Amesbury, who d. Feb. 20, 1895. He is a carpenter by trade, a man of powerful physique, genial and friendly in disposition. Some fourteen years since he purchased the Albert Worthen place on the westerly shore of Lake Sunapee, and within a few years has equipped and successfully managed one of the best summer hotels along the lake. The "Lakeside" occupies a commanding location a few rods from the steamboat landing of the same name, and with its magnificent view and ample facilities for enjoyment is deservedly popular with the city folk. Mr. Prescott's children are,—

1. Agnes G., b. March 3, 1872; m. D. W. Starratt of Boston, Mass.
2. John H., b. Dec. 2, 1878; class of 1899, Colby academy.
3. Jennie S., twin to John H.; class of 1900, Colby academy.

PRESCOTT, JAMES D.—The broad acres and well-tilled fields of the original Jonathan Greeley farm attest the industry and prosperity of their present owners as well as the keen foresight of the sturdy pioneer whose woodman's axe cleared one of the best farms in town. The spacious farmhouse and tidy out-buildings are all in keeping with the general air of thrifty comfort that pervades the place, and the family whose home it

has been for sixteen years are in thorough consonance with their surroundings. James D. Prescott is a native of this town, having been born while his father, Sewell B. Prescott [374], was living on Bunker hill, but is something of a cosmopolitan in the matter of personal residence, having lived in Wilmot, Sutton, and Bradford before settling with his family in N. L. in the early '80s. Wherever his home has been he has had the esteem of his fellow-men as a loyal, intelligent citizen. He was collector of taxes in Sutton from 1876 to 1879, and has served two terms on the board of selectmen in N. L. Harriett (Fellows) Prescott, b. March, 1841, is the dau. of Harrison and Julia Ann (Presby) Fellows of Sutton, and granddaughter of Jesse and Dolly (Blaisdell) Fellows of Hopkinton and Sutton. Two of her sisters also m. into New London families,—Mary G. m. Austin Morgan [509], Phebe M. m. Frank P. Sargent. Julia Ann (Presby) Fellows, b. Bradford, 1813, d. at the home of her dau. Harriett, Nov. 21, 1888. Mrs. Prescott is fully as energetic as her husband, and with him a faithful member of the church. Children:

1. Fred Oscar, b. March 11, 1864; m. Mary E. Knowlton and res. on the Prescott homestead. [See Prescott, Fred O., above.]
2. George Byron, b. July 28, 1867; d. Oct. 5, 1868.
3. Mabel Hattie, b. Feb. 5, 1870; graduated from the musical course at Colby academy, and has studied in Boston, her voice, a soprano of unusual sweetness and purity, fully meriting the careful cultivation bestowed upon it.

PRESCOTT, JOHN H.—John H. Prescott, a veteran of the Civil War, was a resident of N. L. in his later years, and d. at Elkins, Feb. 20, 1896. He was the seventh and youngest child of Roby and Lydia (Truell) Prescott of Grafton, b. Sept. 15, 1840, and was a near relative of the New London and Wilmot Prescotts. He enlisted from Springfield, Sept. 7, 1863, and served in Company B, First Heavy Artillery. His company was stationed at Fort McClary, Kittery Point, until May 6, 1864, when it was ordered to the defence of Washington. In February, 1865, Company B was sent to Portsmouth harbor, remaining there until mustered out in September, 1865. Mr. Prescott's health was seriously impaired by his army service, but he carried on a farm in Grafton for many years.



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His wife was Mary E. Russell of Springfield, who now res. with her younger children at Elkins. Of their children, Mary Augusta m. William Hayes [598], and Josie m. Milo, brother of Charles W. Bucklin [576].

PRESCOTT, PERLEY.—The Dearborn Harvey cottage in the Pleasant-street neighborhood is now occupied by Perley Prescott, grandson of Samuel Prescott [134] by his son Josiah, and a brother of Mrs. Walter Pingree [517]. He was b. Jan. 17, 1845, the third child by Josiah's second wife. He m. — Dolby, and has a son, Francis I.

PRESSEY, FRANK.—This grandson of one of New London's former citizens, Winthrop Pressey [374], res. with his family in the double dwelling-house nearly opposite the academy. He is a teamster in the employ of Shepard & Leonard. Maude (Nye) Pressey is the dau. of William C. Nye [616]. They have one child, Belle.

PRESTON, BERTON S.—Berton, son of Augustus Preston [518], is a farmer, and res. in N. L. since his marriage. Elizabeth (Regan) Preston, b. 1875, is the dau. of John and Catherine (Harnet) Regan of New York. They have,—

1. Melvin Augustus. b. Oct. 9, 1898.

PRESTON, RALPH W.—This son of Augustus Preston [518] was in the employ of Charles E. Shepard for several years, and now res. at the Preston homestead. Emmeline (Philbrick) Preston is the oldest dau. of Anthony C. Philbrick [617].

PUTNEY, CHARLES F.—Though but one representative of the Putney family appears in the present generation, there is no more reliable and honorable man in the town to-day than Charles F., third son of Henry W. Putney [520]. Faithful to his conception of duty in the least details, diligent in business, he has all the attributes of the thoroughly good man and loyal citizen. Since his marriage he has leased the Sargent Putney farm from his brother George M. Putney, and has greatly improved the buildings. There is no prettier location anywhere than the cosy cottage sheltered from bleak winds by the abrupt ascent of Morgan hill, and commanding an unbroken view of Lake Pleasant with its wooded background stretching far up the rugged sides of Kearsarge mountain. In addition to the leased farm he carries on the "Battles place," which he

bought in 1894. Martha (Pingree) Putney is the only dau. of Nathan D. Pingree [516], and like her mother her life is filled with kindly deeds. In the compilation of historical data for this volume she has been of invaluable assistance, her intimate local knowledge of people and events and store of personal records and papers making possible an accuracy and completeness of detail that in many instances would otherwise have been lacking. Charles F. Putney is enrolled among the charter members of Heidelberg lodge, and he and his wife are connected with Crystal Rebekah lodge.

QUACKENBOS, JOHN DUNCAN, M. D.—It is a pleasure and a source of pride to be able to include Dr. John D. Quackenbos among the citizens of this town. The Quackenbos family may be accounted as pioneers in the role of summer guests, their connection with the town in this line going back to 1874. Since that time their summers have largely been spent here, and for several years past Dr. Quackenbos has been an extensive realty-holder. In 1897 he took up his legal residence here, and is already an important factor in municipal councils, serving as chairman of the board of health, board of education, and library commissioners. He has been deeply interested in the development of New London as a summer resort of the best class, and the town is indebted to him far more than mere words can express for the extensive patronage it to-day enjoys. It is impossible within the limits of this sketch adequately to portray his invaluable work in connection with the fish culture station at Lake Sunapee, his conception and realization of beautiful Soo-Nipi Park with its magnificent sanitarium,* his services all along the line of advancement and improvement. Let it suffice to say that his benefits are highly appreciated, and that he is heartily welcomed to the ranks of citizenship.

The Quackenboses are descended from Pieter van Quackenbosch (*Peter of the Quail Forest*), who came from Oestgeest, Holland, to New Amsterdam (now New York) about 1670, removing thence to Beverwyk (now Albany) about 1680. The family name is associated with all the old Dutch settlements, and in succeeding generations the Quackenboses have intermarried with the Clutes, Bogarts, Van Schaicks, Web-

*A description of Soo-Nipi Park is included in the chapter on Summer Residents and Their Homes.



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bers, De Groots, Van Voorsts, Oothverts, Knickerbockers, Van Hoorns, Loziers, and De Witts. John Quackenbos of Revolutionary fame and Catherine De Witt were the great-grandparents of Dr. John Quackenbos. His grandfather, George Clinton Quackenbos, was a prominent physician in New York. As to his father, George Payn Quackenbos, LL. D., it is fitting that an epitome of his career as an eminent scholar and educator should find place in the history of a town in which he was so deeply interested. He was b. in the city of New York, Sept. 4, 1826, and at an early age was placed at the Grammar school of Columbia college. Entering Columbia college at thirteen, he was graduated with honor in 1843, taking the English salutatory. After a year passed in North Carolina he began the study of law in New York, but finding it uncongenial resolved to make teaching and literature his life profession. He was actively engaged in teaching for about twenty years, from that time on confining himself to the literary work which had developed with his teaching and now demanded his entire time. It is on his labors in this department that his reputation principally rests, for the school-books he compiled have made him known throughout the length and breadth of the land. His educational works include fifteen volumes, and cover a wide range of subjects. That the making of school-books was his proper vocation is attested by the adoption of his history, rhetoric, natural philosophy, grammars, and arithmetics as standard works. He received his degree of LL. D. from Wesleyan university. The death of this scholarly man removed from the educational field one of its most earnest and devoted workers. By his many noble qualities of heart and mind he had endeared himself to all who had the pleasure of personal association with him. The later years of his life were passed in the retirement of his study, engaged in almost incessant literary labor, but its fruits have made his name cherished with love and respect in nearly every school-room in the land, and his memory will be enshrined in the hearts of those whose labors he has assisted and encouraged for many years to come. On the 6th of July, 1881, a few days after his arrival at N. L. for his summer vacation, he was thrown from his carriage, sustaining a fracture of his leg and other severe but not dangerous injuries. The immediate cause of his death, which

occurred on July 24, was believed to be embolism, caused by the loosening of a coagulum in some inflamed vein near the seat of the fracture. Dr. George Quackenbos m. Louise B. Duncan, who survives him. Their children were John Duncan, and Mary Louise, who m. Theodore R. Shear, a leading New York attorney, and has four children,—George, Fred, Leslie, and Lulu. Leslie Shear was born in the Amos Currier house at the West Part, and was named for the attending physician, Dr. Leslie of Sunapee. He is now a student at the University of New York, where in 1896 he was awarded \$450 in prizes. The early promise of his career makes it far from impossible that in future years New London may be proud to acknowledge herself as the scene of his birth. A few seasons since Mrs. Shear interested herself in securing funds for the erection of a Quackenbos memorial chapel, and a handsome stone building is to be built in the near future on the Otterville road. The family have a delightful summer home in Soo-Nipi Park.

Dr. John Duncan Quackenbos was b. in New York city, April 22, 1848. He was first honor man in the class of 1868, Columbia College, and received his degree of A. M. in 1871. He commenced the study of medicine in 1867, and was graduated M. D. from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in 1871, commencing his practice in New York city the same year. As an instructor in literature and rhetoric, his connection with Columbia University and Barnard College for Women covered a period of twenty-four years. His medical work has also been encroached upon by other scientific and literary labors. The literary engagements of his father rendered it necessary for him to devote a large portion of his time to the editing of educational works; and his father's death cast upon him a weight of responsibility and labor under which he completely broke down and was compelled to seek relief in foreign travel. He is himself the author of some twenty standard works, among them being a "History of the World," 1876; "History of Ancient Literature," 1878; "Appleton's Geographies," 1880-1881; "History of the English Language," 1884; "Physical Geography," 1887; "Text-book on Physics, on a new basis," 1891; "The Sunapee Saibling: A Fourth New England Charr," 1893; "Bovine Tuberculosis," 1894; "Practical Rhetoric,"



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1896; "Typhoid Fever, its Poison, Causes, Prevention, and Treatment, considered from the Standpoint of the Household-er's Responsibility." 1896: "Causes and Recent Treatment of Neurasthenia." 1897; "Conventional, Fraudulent, and Acci- dental Adulterations in Foods, Medicines, and Articles of Wear," 1897; "The Farmer's Interest in New England Roads and Roadside Attractions, 1898: "Emergency Treatment; or, What to do until the Doctor Comes." 1898 (see Report of the New Hampshire Board of Agriculture); "Enemies and Evi- dences of Christianity," "Business English," "Field Sports as an Economic Factor," "Post-hypnotic Suggestion in the Treat- ment of Sexual Perversions and General Moral Anæsthesia: A Personal Experience," 1899. Dr. Quackenbos has proved himself a worthy successor of his father in his literary labors, and inherits many of his characteristics. But never is his pen so facile as in the behalf of his dearly loved home on the bor- ders of Lake Sunapee; and the splendidly appointed sanita- rium in the midst of the resinous forests that fringe the lake shore is a standing proof of his belief in its possibilities. Dr. Quackenbos is also widely known as a lecturer on scientific and literary subjects; and one achievement of which he is espe- cially proud is his introduction to public notice of the presence of a fourth charr in New England waters, the so-called Suna- pee lake trout, or American saibling. He has been a trustee of Colby academy for many years, is a member of the New York Academy of Medicine, New York Academy of Sciences, New Hampshire Medical Society, and of the American Fish- eries Society. In 1894 he took a course in study at the Post- Graduate Medical college of New York, and now devotes his time largely to private practice in connection with his labors as medical director at the sanitarium. His own cottage, "Nir- vaña," is an ideal home, and it is here and in its charming environments that he finds the rest and recreation he has doubly earned. Dr. Quackenbos m., in 1871, Miss Laura A. Pinck ney of New York. Children:

1. Alice Pinckney, b. 1872.
2. Carrie Duncan, b. 1877.
3. George Payn, b. 1879.
4. Kathryn, b. 1896.

QUIMBY, HENRY C.—Henry Clark, fifth child of Timothy H. Quimby [520], was b. at Otterville, in the house now occupied by George Eastman. He is a carpenter and builder of the third generation, and an industrious, faithful workman. Mary (Little) Quimby, b. April 9, 1861, is the dau. of John Chellis Little of Sutton and Mary Ann Baker of New Boston, and a sister of the first wife of Frank W. Knowlton [601]. The family res. in Springfield and Hanover, and removed to N. L. about 1890. They res. in the William Lee house on Summer street and on the Ausbon French place. Children:

1. Mabel E., b. June 8, 1877; m., Jan. 2, 1897, Walter B., son of Bradford and Hattie (Putnam) Campbell of Hudson; res. in Hudson; child:

(1). Howard Hobson, b. May, 1898.

2. Arlettie E., b. Oct. 27, 1878.

3. Edward H., b. Jan. 13, 1881.

4. Fred C., b. Sept. 2, 1883.

5. George H., b. March 14, 1885.

6. Nellie M., b. March 18, 1887.

7. Amy C., b. Dec. 25, 1890.

8. Annie May, b. April 9, 1895.

9. Ernest Holden, b. July 29, 1897.

RAY, LOWELL L.—A practical workman, an honest, intelligent citizen, Lowell Ray has earned a comfortable home for his family literally by the sweat of his brow. The son of Asa Ray [375], he early became proficient in his father's trade, and within the last decade has built a substantial smithy and dwelling-house near the mouth of the Burpee hill road. He m. (1) Mrs. Favor; m. (2), Oct. 13, 1886, Clara G., dau. of John H. Ellis [463], who d. Aug. 12, 1887, at the birth of an infant son; m. (3), May 1, 1889, Idella A., dau. of David and Matilda (Howe) Gile of Grafton. Children:

1. Willie Leaver, b. Nov. 5, 1892.

2. Weston Laverne, b. Dec. 5, 1895.

RAY, MARTIN LUTHER.—The youngest son of Asa Ray [375] has for many years led a retired life in his snug cottage at the head of Little Sunapee. He is skilled with rod and gun, and his small farm is carefully kept. He m., Nov. 7, 1886, Cynthia M., dau. of E. Sargent Putney [519], who d. Aug. 1, 1887. Of late years his mother has made her home with him.



NIRVANA COTTAGE, SUMMER RESIDENCE OF DR. JOHN D. QUACKENBUSH, OF NEW YORK.

ROBERTS, FRANK.—The Manahan place at the West Part was bought by Frank Roberts, who had previously lived in Webster and Sutton. He is a native of Salisbury, b. Oct. 8, 1855, the son of Daniel W. and Lucy (Scribner) Roberts. His grandparents were Asa and Hannah (Towle) Roberts and Jewett and Elizabeth (Stevens) Scribner. Frank Roberts m., Aug. 15, 1882, Mary C., dau. of Charles P. Wells of N. L. Children:

1. Florence M., b. July 21, 1883.
2. Leon F., b. Jan. 15, 1885.
3. Arthur D., b. May 31, 1887.
4. Walter J., b. Sept. 30, 1891.
5. Sadie Marie, b. Dec. 12, 1897; d. Dec. 22, 1897.

ROBIE, MERRILL.—Merrill Robie is a native of Springfield, though a residence of eighteen years certainly entitles him to a claim of citizenship in N. L. The Springfield Robies came from Sandown, and are descendants of Samuel Robie, b. Dec. 24, 1761, who served in the Revolutionary War when but a lad in years. Samuel m., Aug. 11, 1783, Dolly Worthen, b. April 13, 1762. They had twelve children, of whom Reuben, b. Jan. 9, 1788, m. Sally Morse and was the father of John B. Roby [522] and Betsey (Roby) Worthen [543]; Samuel, b. March 19, 1790, m. Abby Colcord and was the father of Stephen C. Robie [240]; Lydia, b. March 25, 1792, m. Timothy H. Quimby [520]; Mahala, b. Sept. 6, 1806, m. Eliphallet Gay [251]; David, b. Oct. 29, 1804, m., about 1828, Susan, dau. of Enos Collins of Springfield. David had nine children, and all five of his sons served in the Civil War. Merrill, third child of David, b. 1833, was mustered in with Company F of the Eleventh N. H. V., and was mustered out with it. He served his time, not in hospitals but in active duty. His narrowest escape was at Spottsylvania, when a shell passed between him and a surgeon of the ambulance corps, knocking them both down. He was assigned to the ambulance service at Alexandria, was stretcher-bearer to Spottsylvania, and driver till mustered out. Merrill m. (1), in 1869, Emmeline S., dau. of Nathaniel and Hannah (Collins) Merrill of Acworth, and niece of Irene (Merrill) Dow [239]; m. (2), Dec. 3, 1879, Mrs. Deborah (Staples) Gassett. Mrs. Merrill is the dau. of John and Mary (Hart) Staples of Jefferson, who were b. in

Kennebunk and Fryeburg, Me., respectively. Her grandfather, John Staples, Sr., was in the Revolution, her father and uncle Jacob were in the War of 1812, her brother Joseph was in the Mexican War, and with three more brothers also served in the Rebellion. Merrill res. on the Isaac Woodward place until 1897, when he sold to Mrs. Fred N. Spofford and removed to the Lane cottage near Four Corners. He is a member of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R.

SANBORN, LEVI.—Levi Sanborn is the son of Fifield and Roxana (Roby) Sanborn, and was b. in Springfield, May 11, 1849. Fifield was the son of Abraham Sanborn, and Roxana was the dau. of Reuben and Sally (Morse) Roby and a sister of John B. Roby [522]. Levi came to N. L. in 1866, and for a quarter-century had his home with his great-aunt, Mrs. Eliphalet Gay, at Low Plains, who left him the property at her decease, as a reward for his faithfulness. Quiet, and somewhat reserved in temperament, his is a gentle, kindly nature, one which bears good will to all and enmity to none. His farm and buildings are models of trimness, and he has the “knack” of raising the earliest and best vegetables to be found. He m., Nov. 10, 1892, Maria, dau. of Asa Gay [346], and their home is the embodiment of comfort and plenty. Mr. Sanborn has one brother, John W., who res. in Springfield, and a sister, Clara M., who m. James Hilborn and res. in Webster.

SANDERS, GEORGE H.—George Sanders is a native of N. L., b. 1836, the son of Barney and Dolly (Powell) Sanders and a brother of Mrs. Amos Hunt [599]. He enlisted in the Eleventh N. H. V., Aug. 9, 1862, was appointed corporal May 1, 1865, and served till mustered out. He m. (1), Nov. 3, 1862, Hep-sibeth A. Philbrick, who d. Jan. 2, 1871, aged 32 years; m. (2), Oct. 23, 1874, Atlanta C., dau. of Zaccheus and Harriet (Chase Messer of Springfield and granddaughter of Zaccheus Messer [127]. After his second marriage he res. for some years at Scytheville, and now makes his home with his sister. No children.

SARGENT, BENJAMIN F.—The active management of “Pleasant Lake farm” has devolved largely of late years on Benjamin F. Sargent, only son of Hiram and Sarah (Whittier) Sar-



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gent [527], whose declining years are cheered and comforted by the tender devotion of their children. Each season finds the cosy farmhouse peopled with summer guests, but the genial proprietor's broad shoulders make light work of extra cares. He is a fine musician, and a leading member of the Cadet band. Annabelle (Pillsbury) Sargent is the dau. of James and Lucy (Phelps) Pillsbury of Wilmot.

SARGENT, EDGAR F.—The only son of Ransom F. Sargent [528] inherits many of his father's characteristics. He is an enthusiastic sportsman, and has had the chief care of the state fish hatchery in Soo-Nipi Park for several years, a position for which he is peculiarly adapted by his thorough knowledge of woodcraft. As a man and as a citizen he bears his part well, and is accorded the recognition that he assuredly merits at the hands of his fellow-men. Minnie (Waterman) Sargent, b. Shatoge, N. Y., June 22, 1866, is the dau. of Charles and Elizabeth (Adams) of Enosburgh, Vt., and a sister of Mrs. John D. Pingree [618]. Children:

1. Lena May, b. Oct. 16, 1889.
2. Ausbon French, b. June 11, 1891.
3. Warren Everett, b. Oct. 27, 1895.

SARGENT, FRANK P.—The David Gay place at Low Plain, a pleasant, roomy farmhouse, is now the home of Frank P. Sargent, oldest son of Charles D. Sargent [526]. Phebe (Fellows) Sargent, b. Sutton, 1859, is the dau. of Harrison and Julia (Presby) Fellows, and a sister of Mrs. Austin Morgan [509] and Mrs. James D. Prescott [619]. They res. in Tilton three years, were for two years in N. L. on the George Bickford place, then for a year in Dedham, Mass., and have occupied their present home about fourteen years. No children.

SARGENT, NEWTON L.—Half-way up the long ascent of Burpee hill, on the original Daniel March location, is the home of Newton L. Sargent, a man who owes his success in life to his personal pluck and perseverance, coupled with habits of thrift and industry. He is the son of Horace Sargent [527], and gave to his parents a truly filial care. He m. (2), Nov. 17, 1897, Hattie W., dau. of Claude Goings [480].

SARGENT, WALTER P.—New London has but one "all-the-year-round" hotel, but the jovial proprietor of "Hotel Sargent"

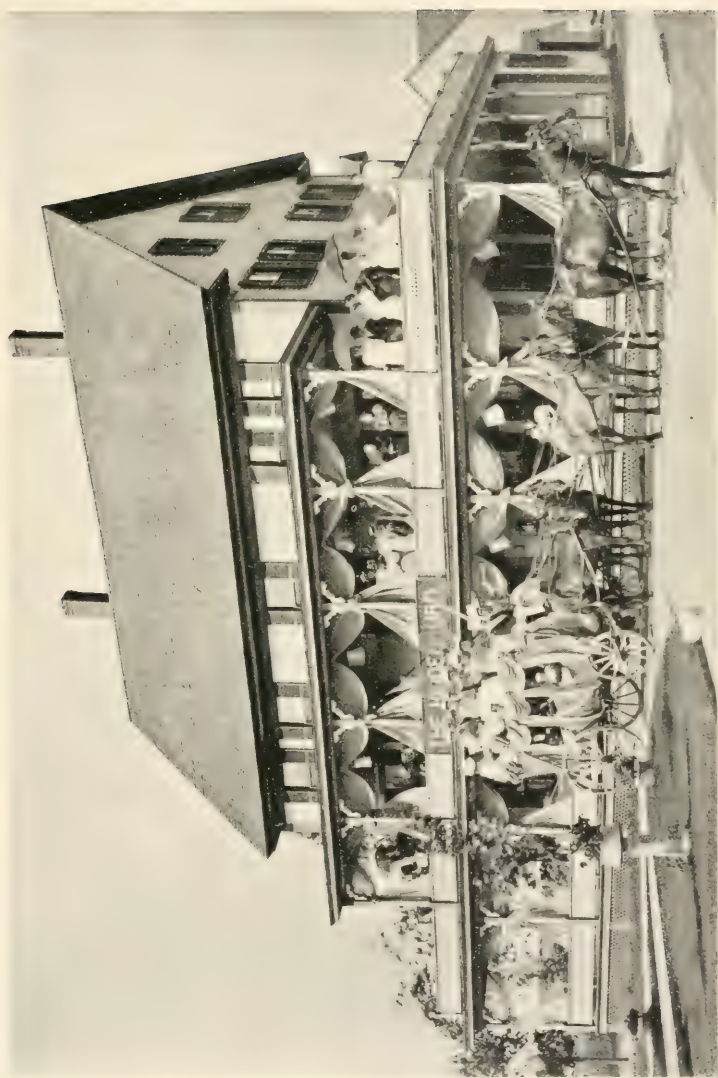
makes that old-time mansion such a favorite with the travelling public that no other is needed. Walter Sargent is the grandson of John Sargent [141], by his son Perley, and the major part of his life has been passed in Sutton, where he was very successful in the management of a summer boarding-house. He came to N. L. as steward of Colby academy, succeeding Mr. Means, remaining in that position until his purchase of "The Elms." The house was thoroughly refitted, and its home-like air and generous appointments have won for its "up-to-date" landlord the substantial appreciation that his efforts merit. Mrs. Sargent is the oldest dau. of Benjamin P. Sargent of North Sutton, and the granddaughter of Daniel Sargent [279]. Their only child is,—

1. Sevira C., b. Dec. 1, 1880.

SEAMANS, JOHN A.—The fourth generation of the descendants of Elder Job Seamans has but one representative enrolled as a citizen of N. L., John, son of Daniel S. Seamans [383], who after his marriage res. on the homestead. Children:

1. Daniel Dunbar, b. Dec. 18, 1886.
2. George Shepard, b. Feb. 4, 1891
3. James Dodge, b. Nov. 1, 1892; d. June 7, 1893.
4. Agnes, b. Nov. 19, 1894.
5. Frances May, b. April 20, 1896.

SHEPARD, CHARLES E.—The business aptitude that has been such a marked characteristic of the Shepard family in successive generations, has found full expression in the career of the oldest son of James E. Shepard [528]. His father's extensive interests brought him early into training, and to-day Charles E. Shepard is one of the busiest men in town. About 1890 he became associated with Amos H. Whipple in the management of the Potter Place stage line and attendant livery stables, a position of large responsibilities and demanding no small amount of executive ability, yet one whose requirements have been met to the utmost. The personnel of the firm has been Shepard & Leonard since early in 1898. A fully-equipped blacksmith shop has been added to the plant, and its enterprising proprietors are constantly on the alert for new openings in a business direction. In the various local organizations Mr. Shepard is a leading spirit, and in matters of public interest is liberal and progressive. Mrs. Shepard was b. Oct. 22, 1868,



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is the dau. of Andrew Mellen and Amanda (Jewett) Hersey of Tilton, and a niece of Mrs. Henrietta (Hersey) Whipple [535]. Her vivacious personality makes her a favorite in social circles, and the home over which she presides is the centre of a generous hospitality. Children:

1. Robert Hersey, b. April 29, 1890.
2. James Eli, b. Jan. 2, 1892.
3. Marion, b. Sept. 23, 1895.

SHEPARD, FRANK S.—The second son of James E. Shepard [528] has for several years done a thriving business as the local butcher and cattle dealer. He is a born trader, yet fair and just in his dealings. Among the younger men of to-day few have won larger success than he, and few have deserved it more. His life is a busy one, yet he is always ready in the fulfilment of his duty as a citizen, and is a member of the grange and of Heidelberg lodge. He res. on the Gould place near the Sutton line until 1897, when he removed to the R. E. Farwell farm at Low Plain. Stella (Hersey) Shepard is a sister of Mrs. C. E. Shepard above, and was b. Oct. 7, 1876. She was educated at Colby academy, is bright and pleasing in manner, and notwithstanding her household cares is well posted in current literature and events. Child:

1. Ruth Marion, b. June 16, 1895.

SHOLES, EDWARD J.—Edward Sholes is the grandson of William S. Sholes [386], by his son Albert E. He was b. in Manchester, Nov. 14, 1867, but worked in N. L. from a young man. He m., Nov. 14, 1892, Jennie Smith, adopted dau. of David Baldwin [443], who was b. in Michigan, April 10, 1865. As a girl Mrs. Sholes was an earnest student, and her ability as a writer has found expression in several pleasing poems. They res. on the Luther Trussell place. Children:

1. Emma L. b. Oct. 3, 1894.
2. Albert Jerome, b. Oct. 31, 1898.

SMITH, REVERDY F.—Reverdy, youngest child of William P. and R. Maria (Spooner) Smith mentioned below, was but a youth when his mother removed to N. L., and the passing years have only increased the liking engendered by his bright face and obliging manners. He learned the carpenter's trade, and is a diligent workman. His first wife was Ida M. Danforth, dau. of Adoniram and Emma Danforth of Danbury, a

student at Colby academy and a successful teacher. He m. (2), May 3, 1892, Lizzie B., dau. of George and Mary (Eastman) Andrews of Sutton. He owned the Hunting farm at Bucklin's corner for a few years, and now occupies a pleasant residence near the Burpee hill road, which he built in 1895. Children :

1. Willie, b. Aug. 13, 1887.
2. Frederick, b. Aug. 18, 1896.

SMITH, MRS. R. MARIA.—Mrs. R. Maria Smith, or "Auntie" Smith, as she is lovingly and familiarly known, has been a respected resident of N. L. for nearly a quarter-century, one whose busy, helpful life has been spent largely for others, and who is endeared to all by her sunny, kindly nature. Rhoda Maria (Spooner) Smith was b. in Enfield, July 5, 1823, the dau. of Joseph and Patience (Gove) Spooner. She m., April 2, 1840, William P. Smith of Springfield. William was b. Jan. 6, 1819, the son of Israel and Betsey Smith of Epping and Springfield, his mother dying shortly after his birth. They res. in Springfield for several years, where Mr. Smith carried on a large farm and was a leading and influential citizen, serving on the board of selectmen and in various other positions of trust and responsibility. The family removed to Manchester in 1869, and Mr. Smith worked at his trade as a brick mason. He d. at Manchester, Aug. 10, 1872, and his widow removed to N. L. in 1877. Mrs. Smith now res. with her youngest dau., in the serene enjoyment of a well-spent life. Children :

1. Andalusia, b. May 1, 1841; m. Hiram Barney of Grafton, and is now deceased, leaving three children,—Warren Frederick, who is station agent and postmaster at Grafton, Fannie, and Edward I.
2. Cornelia G., b. Dec. 2, 1842; m. Gen. J. M. Clough [452].
3. Francina D., b. Dec. 13, 1844. Bright and ambitious, a natural musician, throughout her life she has improved every possible opportunity for cultivation. She began teaching at sixteen, and in the next seven years taught eighteen terms of school, besides attending as a student at Colby academy for a few terms. One term while teaching she walked several miles every Saturday to take a music lesson, devoting the remainder of the day to practising. At twenty-three she m. Rufus Hall of Grantham, and the organ received from her husband was among her most prized wedding gifts. This



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was afterwards exchanged for a piano, and when thirty-five years old Mrs. Hall took her first quarter of piano lessons, driving ten miles each way to accomplish her purpose. When only eleven years old she was a singer in the choir, and has been organist at the Grantham Methodist church more than twenty years. She is a faithful teacher in the Sunday-school, and for three years was its superintendent. All of her children have been given musical training, and she has had many outside pupils. There have been those whose life achievements have been greater, but Mrs. Hall has earned more than an ordinary meed of praise for her undaunted perseverance in the course marked out for herself when but a child. The publishers of "New Hampshire Women" accord Mrs. Hall only her rightful due in including her among their "representative women." Children :

- (1). Leon A., m. in 1895, and res. in Roxbury, Mass. ; is a conductor on an electric road. One child, b. in 1896.
- (2). Villa E., b. August, 1874 ; inherited her mother's musical gifts, and at seven years of age played at concerts ; is a graduate of Colby academy, and has been a very successful teacher.
- (3). Earl E., b. June, 1875 ; m., in 1897, Eva Silver of North Boscawen ; res. North Boscawen.
- (4). Ralph H., b. August, 1879 ; a promising young man of good habits, he is at present working his way as an employee of Alvin F. Messer of N. L.
4. Orra H., b. Jan. 24, 1847 ; m. Jennie Young of Manchester, and was connected with the reform schools of Connecticut, New Jersey, and New Hampseire. He was a faithful and efficient officer, and his fatal illness of pneumonia was contracted in the performance of duty. He d. at his mother's home in N. L., Sept. 13, 1879. No children.
5. Converse P., b. June 23, 1849 ; d. April 24, 1850.
6. Ann E., b. Nov. 10, 1851 ; m., at New London, May 2, 1880, Thomas Merrill, son of Thomas C. and Rhoda H. Hoyt, and res. in Grafton. No children.
7. Elzina M., b. Aug. 22, 1854 ; m. Frank W. Knowlton [601].
8. Reverdy F., b. Feb. 10, 1862. (See Smith, Reverdy F., above.)

SMITH, MRS. ROSINA M.—Rosina M. Smith was b. March 31, 1840, the dau. of Ellet M. and Kezia (Ransom) Smith of Hardwick, Vt. She m. (1) Bailey K. Colby of Warner, and res. in Hardwick ; m. (2), Sept. 29, 1867, Gilman H. Smith

(his second wife), and res. on the present Kidder farm near the Springfield line. Gilman's first wife was Sarah Colby of Warner (sister of Bailey above), by whom he had a son, Willard G., who shot himself in June, 1879. Gilman d. March 21, 1894, and his widow has since res. in N. L. Children:

1. Sarah E. Colby, b. April 13, 1861; m. Frank Colby of Sunapee, and res. in Claremont. Children: Eva J., Ronald.
2. Frank B. Colby, b. April 19, 1864; m., in 1895, Mattie Skinner of Sunapee, where they res.
3. Herbert G. Smith, b. Jan. 6, 1872; res. at home; member of the Cadet band and Heidelberg lodge.

STANLEY, FRANK M.—Stalwart in build, frank and generous in disposition, intelligent in thinking and clear in expression, the oldest son of Benton M. Stanley [530] has inherited many of the family characteristics, and is easily and naturally an influential leader. He is a carpenter by trade, and a skilful workman whose services are in demand for miles around. Florence (Gay) Stanley is the oldest dau. of Capt. Baxter Gay [593]. They res. at the Stanley homestead, and are prominent in the grange.

SWETT, HERBERT B.—Herbert B., grandson of John Swett, a farmer of Andover and Salisbury, and son of Stephen R. and Sarah (Cheney) Swett of Wilmot and Canaan, was b. in Wilmot, Oct. 7, 1853. Sarah Cheney was the dau. of Isaac and Sabra (Morrill) Cheney of Sutton, b. Sept. 19, 1819, d. in 1871. Isaac Cheney was familiarly known as "Bear Cheney" from his famous exploit with a bear on Kearsarge mountain. Stephen Swett was a shoemaker and an auctioneer, and was at one time deputy sheriff of Grafton county. Herbert Swett res. in Sutton and N. L., and for a few years after his marriage in California. Since returning to N. L., he res. in the Pleasant street neighborhood, and later at Scytheville, where he dealt in stoves and tinware. He was assistant postmaster at Scytheville during President Cleveland's second administration, and is a popular auctioneer. He is an easy and graceful writer, and several of his poems have been published in the *Boston Journal*. He m., June 22, 1875, Mrs. Grace (Rowell) Dickey. Grace Rowell was b. in Sutton, Sept. 8, 1854, the dau. of Samuel and Nancy (Whittier) Rowell. She m. (1) Reuben Dickey (whose first wife was Achsah Rowell,



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sister of Grace), by whom she had one son, Reuben E. Dickey, now clerk at the Four Corners store; m. (2) Herbert Swett. Child:

1. Rosabelle Sara, b. on the plains of San Joaquin, Cal., Sept. 25, 1880.

TENNEY, BYRON F.—Byron Tenney, a resident of Elkins since 1890, was b. in Wilmot, April 16, 1865, the son of Melvin and Sarah (Prescott) Tenney. Melvin was the son of Samuel and Sarah (Gove) Tenney of Wilmot. Sarah (Prescott) Tenney, b. July 29, 1847, is the granddaughter of Samuel Prescott [134] by his son Greenleaf. Byron Tenney m., Nov. 13, 1890, Roxanna, dau. of Isaac D. and Abby (Ray) Tenney of Wilmot, b. March 27, 1873. Roxanna is a great-granddaughter of Samuel Prescott [134] by his youngest dau., Mary, and a granddaughter of Moses Ray [376] by his dau. Abby. Child:

1. Withey Byron, b. Nov. 14, 1894.

THURSTON, GEORGE.—One of the growing industries at Elkins within the last few years is the woodworking business carried on by George Thurston, who manufactures and deals in all kinds of finished lumber. George Thurston was b. in Union, Knox county, Me., Aug. 2, 1866, the son of Nathaniel E. and Sarah (Hills) Thurston. Nathaniel was a farmer, the son of Philo and Julia (Daniel) Thurston of Franklin, Mass., and Union, Me. George learned the carpenter's trade, and on leaving home worked in Palmer and Orange, Mass. Then the western fever seized him, and he spent some time in Montana, prospecting; returned to New England, and worked in Everett, Mass., and from there came to N. L. He is an enthusiastic ornithologist, mineralogist, and Indian antiquarian, and his collections of stuffed birds, eggs, minerals, and Indian relics are well worth visiting. His Indian relics are particularly fine, and include a variety of weapons, tools, ornaments, and moccasins, gathered chiefly from the Indian villages in Knox county, though some are from Massachusetts, and far-away Idaho and North Dakota. He m., June 10, 1891, Clara B., oldest dau. of Maj. William A. Messer [507]. Clara (Messer) Thurston is a graduate of Colby academy, and before her marriage was a bookkeeper in Everett, Mass. Bright, well-read, and pleasing in manner, she is a leading favorite in the Elkins coterie. Children:

1. Edith May, b. Dec. 11, 1893; d. April 23, 1895.
2. Louise, b. Jan. 16, 1897.

TILTON, GEORGE W.—George W. Tilton, b. Newmarket, March 10, 1831, was the son of Josiah and Dolly (Smith) Tilton, who later res. and d. in Sutton. His grandparents were Jonathan and Rachel (Thomas) Tilton of Epping, and Josiah and Dolly (Rundlett) Smith of Newmarket. George m. (1), Oct. 1, 1854, Phebe G., dau. of Benjamin and Eliza Collins of Grafton, and with his parents res. in Sutton, near the South village. He m. (2), Nov. 18, 1885, Abby, dau. of Mrs. Eliza Perley [514], and res. on the Perley place in N. L., where he d. Oct. 15, 1897, after a long illness. He was a skilled painter and paper-hanger, and found ready employment until his health failed. Children:

1. George Converse, b. Feb. 3, 1857; m. Lena, dau. of William and Mary (Chadwick) Little of Sutton, and res. on the Tilton homestead. Children: Edward C., Percy R. (d. young), Ruth.
2. Abby M., b. Nov. 4, 1858; d. May 14, 1874.
3. Edward P., b. Aug. 25, 1861; is a painter, and res. in Manchester.
4. Mary F., b. Oct. 23, 1870; d. Feb. 8, 1873.

TODD, CHARLES A.—A life full of promise, whose brief span was rounded out in well-doing, whose uprightness and strict integrity commanded the respect of all, is the memory left by the late Charles A. Todd, oldest child and only son of Asa Nelson Todd [532]. A faithful student in the district school and at Colby academy, he took a supplementary course at the Bryant & Stratton Business college, Manchester, in preparation for the mercantile career for which he was eminently fitted. Always industrious and prudent, a few years' service as clerk at Sutton, Taunton, Mass., and Wilmot Flat, enabled him to undertake business for himself, and in March, 1886, with Dixie E. Wiggins as partner, he took possession of the general store at Scytheville. In 1888 Mr. Wiggins retired, and Mr. Todd, whose straightforward dealings and pleasant courtesy brought him a steadily increasing custom, continued the business alone. In 1892 he purchased the Four Corners store on New London hill, where for four years he lived, busy, successful and respected, his life saddened only by the transition of the



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little children he so tenderly loved. He was a man of rare attributes, and his naturally sunny disposition and courteous bearing won him hosts of friends; but he cared little for political preferment, though serving as treasurer of the school district and as chairman of the board of selectmen in 1894. He was assistant postmaster at the N. L. office under President Harrison, and received his commission as postmaster July 1, 1893,—a position which he filled to the satisfaction of all, and held at the time of his death, May 16, 1896, from typhoid fever. He was a member of the church, and left it a generous bequest; master of King Solomon's lodge, F. & A. M., in 1888-'89; a Knight Templar of Mt. Horeb commandery, Concord, and noble grand of Heidelberg lodge, of which he was a charter member. His death was the first in Heidelberg lodge since its institution, and his funeral services were conducted under the auspices of that body. Harriet (Sargent) Todd is the granddaughter of Daniel Sargent [279], by his son Benjamin P., and was b. May 2, 1863. She is a devoted worker in the church and Sunday school, and has her home with her sister, Mrs. Walter P. Sargent [629]. Children:

1. Charity, b. July 23, 1890; d. July 26, 1890.
2. Marion Abbie, b. Nov. 9, 1891; d. May 20, 1893.
3. Mildred May, b. Aug. 18, 1894; d. Nov. 12, 1894.

TODD, EDWARD A.—The Brocklebank farm at the West Part, for many years the home of James Todd [388], is now owned by his youngest son, whose progressive methods have made it one of the most fruitful and valuable pieces of real estate in that neighborhood. Edward A. Todd is an enterprising and energetic man, public-spirited, keen-witted, and quick to seize upon opportunities. With his wife he is an influential member of the grange, and prominent in social circles. Alice (Trow) Todd is the dau. of James W. and Ruth (Davis) Trow of Sunapee, and has two brothers, Willis W. and Chester E., in the lumber business in that town. James Trow was the son of William and Mehitable (Perkins) Trow, and a nephew of Nathan Trow [394]. Ruth (Davis) Trow was the dau. of Eli and Eunice (Bickford) Davis, and is well known in N. L., where she res. for several years. Children:

1. Gustie May, b. Jan. 3, 1878.
2. Fred Andrew, b. Feb. 6, 1883.

TODD, FRANK W.—Conservative in opinion, sound in judgment, straightforward in speech and business, Frank Todd has the respect and liking of his fellow-citizens for his genuine manliness. He is the youngest son of Eli Todd [387], and like others of his name and blood has a fondness for the family settlement at Todd corner, where he has a pleasant home on the Jesse Shepard place. Ella (Kezar) Todd, b. Oct. 30, 1855, is the dau. of Jonathan Harvey and Emily (Snow) Kezar of Sutton, and a cousin of Mrs. Frank O. Dow [461]. Children :

1. George H., b. Feb. 7, 1880.
2. Howard E., b. June 4, 1884.
3. Robert C., b. Dec. 24, 1885.
4. Leon N., b. Jan. 2, 1889.

WELLS, CHARLES P.—Charles P. Wells removed from So. Danbury to N. L. in 1884, and has since res. on the Enoch Adams farm at Low Plain. He is the son of Josiah and Eunice (Whittemore) Wells of Boscawen, and was b. in 1829. Josiah, b. 1789, was the son of Nathaniel Wells, who with two brothers came to this country from Wales. Nathaniel m. Annie Bowen, settled in Salisbury, and was a soldier of the Revolution. Charles m. Chastina, dau. of Joseph Brown, and has,—

1. Ella M., b. 1855; m. John Colby [580].
2. Augusta C., b. 1857; res. at home.
3. Frank E., b. 1860; m. Sadie Fifield of Bridgewater, and res. in Webster, where he is a farmer. No children.
4. Edwin J., b. 1862; successor of Woodward & Co., in the old Colby and Greenwood store on New London hill.
5. Mary C., b. 1864; m. Frank Roberts [627].
6. Addie J., b. 1867; m., Dec. 22, 1885, Horatio, son of Edwin Luce, and res. in Woodstock, Vt. Children :
 - (1). Charlie, b. 1887.
 - (2). Clara, b. 1889.
7. Anna L., b. 1869; m. Elmer Luce, brother of Horatio above, and res. in Woodstock. They have one child.
8. Sarah A., b. 1871; graduate Colby academy; is a successful teacher.
9. Lilla G., b. 1873; is a teacher.
10. Martha E., b. 1877; is a teacher.

WHITCOMB, EDWIN R.—The only son of Ruel Whitcomb [539] was b. the year his father settled in Scytheville, and

growing up almost in the shadow of the great stone shop where the huge trip-hammers drowned out all other sounds with their ceaseless beat, it was natural enough that he should follow his father's trade as welder. Since the closing of the shops he has worked in Taftsville, Vt., Gardiner, Me., at Antrim, Franklin, and Newport, and now res. at Elkins. He m. (1) Abby E., dau. of James Dickey of Wilmot, who d. Oct. 14, 1876; m. (2) Alpha G. Meader of Gardiner, Me., who d. June 13, 1883. His third wife is Nellie E., dau. of Joseph E. Dill of Gardiner. Child:

1. Brainerd A., b. Aug. 29, 1895.

WHITTEMORE, MISS CATHERINE.—The Asa Burpee homestead at Burpee hill has been the home of Miss Catherine Whittemore since October, 1886. She was b. in Pelham, Oct. 15, 1823, the second in a family of eleven children born to John and Elizabeth (Bentley) Whittemore of Malden, Mass. Her father later res. in Springfield, and d. in Enfield. As a young woman she worked in the first mill on the east side of the river at Manchester, then was housekeeper twenty-five years for Stephen G. Page [369] at George's Mills, and now purposes ending her days in N. L. With her res. her widowed sister Harriet, b. May 4, 1835, who m., Nov. 4, 1873, Alsted Brownell, of Enfield. The farm is carried on by George E. Fifield, who has lived with Miss Whittemore since he was six years old. George is one of the brightest young men of the present generation, merry-hearted, with a smile and a kindly word for everyone he meets, and one of the steadiest, smartest workers anywhere. He is the son of Harry E. and Elvira (Symmister) Fifield of Springfield, b. Nov. 17, 1871. His mother d. Sept. 5, 1876, and his father March 12, 1881. Harry was the son of John and Susan (Weed) Fifield of Unity, and grandson of Moses and Lucy (Livingston) Fifield. George is an active member of the grange, and a leading favorite among the young people.

WHITTIER, HAMILTON M.—The only son of Almon B. Whittier [541] has always res. at Elkins, and has for some years been in the meat business. He m., Oct. 12, 1890, Myrtie M., dau. of Sylvester Adams, of Wilmot. Children:

1. Maud Isabel, b. Feb. 6, 1891.
2. Gladys May, b. Nov. 12, 1892.

WIGGIN, GEORGE H.—George H. Wiggin, and Phebe (Wiggin) Clough, wife of George B. Clough [454], are the children of Nathaniel G. Wiggin of Danbury. Nathaniel is a farmer, the son of Thomas Wiggin of Loudon, and m. Hannah B., dau. of Thomas Potter, a farmer, lumberman, and brick-maker at East Concord. George H. Wiggin, b. Nov. 4, 1845, is the oldest son of Nathaniel, and is a railroad carpenter by trade. He m., Aug. 31, 1870, Anna E., dau. of John K. Flanders of Hill, b. March 8, 1853. They have an adopted dau., Lizzie E.

WILLIAMS, GEORGE H. A.—The Capt. William Clark place on Summer street is now owned by George, youngest son of John and Lydia (Bugbee) Williams [399]. Emily (Eastman) Williams, adopted dau. of Horace Clark [335], d. May 13, 1889. Their early home was in the Nathaniel Todd house, which George bought of his brother Roger. Mr. Williams and his adopted son, Chester L., b. Nov. 6, 1884, now res. at the Clark homestead. The only child of George and Emily Williams was,—

1. Ollie, b. Dec. 2, 1882; d. March 24, 1883.

WILLIAMS, HARRISON B.—The oldest surviving son of John Williams, 3d [399], inherited the homestead on Burpee hill, and has the prominent characteristics of the sturdy race from which he is descended. He is a hard-working man, and for many years has done a large business with his power thresher and sawing machine. Lizzie (Brown) Williams is the dau. of Whitman and Lucy (Cressy) Brown, who res. for a few years in the Couch house at Otterville, and was b. at Henniker, Feb. 24, 1859. Children:

1. Addie May, b. May 2, 1880.
2. Edith Belle, b. Sept. 2, 1883.
3. Ethel Cressy, b. Oct. 10, 1887.
4. Nellie Bugbee, b. Dec. 13, 1888.

WILLIAMS, ROGER.—Roger, fifth child of John Williams, 3d [399], res., after his marriage, with Nathaniel C. Todd [389], his wife, Harriet (Farnum) Williams, being a granddaughter of Mrs. Todd by her dau. Delia (Gile) Farnum [251]. They then removed to Scytheville, where Roger worked in the scythe shop and res. in the Everett Messer house. In 1880 he built his present home. From 1890 to 1893 he worked in Antrim.

He is much interested in literary pursuits, and the facts concerning the early history of the Williams family were secured through his studious research. He has quite a number of valued family heirlooms, among them a brandy keg which belonged to the Joel Fletcher who was drowned in Sunapee lake, and a pewter platter brought from Wales by the Williams emigrants. Children :

1. Ernest Elwell, b. Feb. 17, 1872; m., at Antrim, Dec. 25, 1893, Florence J. Bevis, a native of Kent county, England. They res. in Fitchburg, Mass., where Ernest is employed in a fire-arms and bicycle manufactory.
2. Ruby May, b. April 7, 1880.
3. Clifton Leon, b. Aug. 17, 1881.

WOODBURY, CHARLTON W.—In the comfortable residence built by Moses Adams, Jr., east of his original location, Charlton Woodbury has res. since 1879, succeeding Dea. Thomas Farwell. Charlton Woodbury is a native of Wilmot, b. March 24, 1835, the son of John and Nancy (Wells) Woodbury. Nancy was a native of Salisbury, and the dau. of Nathaniel Wells; John was the oldest son of John (b. Brentwood 1781, d. Andover 1868, and a Mason for 56 years), and Elizabeth (Dyer) Woodbury. William Woodbury, who now res. at Elkins with his niece, Lucy Ann (Woodbury) Whitcomb [539] (sister of Charlton), is a son of John Woodbury, Sr., and res. after his marriage to Mrs. Lucy (Martin) Moore of Newburyport, Mass., in Wilmot and Andover. Mary Ann Eames, second wife of J. Sherman Phillips [516], is a cousin of Charlton's, her mother, Eliza Woodbury, having m. Luther Eames of South Framingham, Mass. Mr. Woodbury enlisted from Wilmot in the Tenth N. H. V., in August, 1862; and having raised twenty-four men for the company, was given a second lieutenant's commission. He was promoted to be first lieutenant Jan. 11, 1863, and served till Dec. 22, 1863, when he was discharged on account of illness. On June 2, 1864, he m. Mary A. Morgan of Springfield, b. Feb. 9, 1831, the dau. of Ebenezer and Abigail (Rowe) Morgan and sister of Richard S. Morgan [614]. Mr. Woodbury is a Granger, was commander of Anthony Colby post, G. A. R., in 1897, and has taken the chapter degree in Masonry. The history of King Solomon's lodge, F. and A. M., as given in the chapter on New London

institutions, was prepared by Mr. Woodbury and the late Edwin A. Jones [489]. As a man and as a citizen Mr. Woodbury's record in his adopted town is such as has won him the respect of his fellow-men. No children.

WOODWARD, GEORGE.—As a prominent figure in municipal affairs for nearly twenty years of the present historical period, George Woodward will long be remembered. The youngest son of Gage and Betsey (Jones) Woodward [542], he res. in N. L. from 1866 to the early '70s, and returning after a few years made his home here thereafter. He was clerk for the Russells at the Four Corners store, for McCutchins & Nelson in the old Colby store, and in business for himself in the latter location during the last ten years of his life under the firm name of Woodward & Co. He was postmaster for many years, town clerk, represented the town in the legislature of 1893, and was largely identified with all matters of public interest. He m., July 15, 1875, Ida L., dau. of Horace L. Sleeper of Winchester, Mass. Mrs. Woodward is one of the brightest and best-read women in the town to-day, and is a social favorite. George Woodward d. March 1, 1894. Children:

1. Horace L., b. March 28, 1878; d. Jan. 8, 1880.
2. Florence, b. April 20, 1883; student at Colby academy.

WORTHEN, AL.—A quiet, uneventful life, yet one of honest, manly endeavor, of loyalty to truth and honor, of gentle, kindly consideration for others, is the record of the youngest son of Albert S. Worthen [401]. For a few years after his marriage he res. at Durham in the family of Lucien Thompson, grandson of Samuel W. Carr [225], and also on the Daniel March farm on Davis hill. His present home is on the Lieut. Thomas Burpee location at Burpee hill, a roomy, comfortable farmhouse known in summer-guest parlance as the "Burpee Hill house." He is a teamster of more than ordinary skill, and makes a specialty of wintering horses for city residents. He is a member of Heidelberg and Crystal Rebekah lodges. Minnie (Davis) Worthen is the dau. of Edmund and Lydia (Young) Davis [460], a brisk, vigorous representative of that old-time family, and an able helpmeet. Children:

1. Lucien T., b. Feb. 27, 1889.
2. Abbie, b. Aug. 31, 1893.



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CHAPTER XIII.

SUMMER RESIDENTS AND SUMMER HOMES.

The history of New London would fall far short of completeness without distinct reference to a most important constituency, the summer residents, whose real-estate holdings in 1898 aggregated \$46,075. These summer homes include the simple yet picturesque cottages that early pre-empted some of the most slightly outlooks over Nature's fair domain, as well as the stately mansion houses and more ornate dwellings with their modern equipments and furnishings. While it is impracticable to mention each realty-holder in detail, it is only just that those whose deep and abiding interest in the town have closely identified them with its people should receive fitting recognition in the local annals. The New London shore of Lake Sunapee is easily the centre of the summer colony, and starting with the splendid demesne of Dr. John D. Quackenbos, "Soo-Nipi Park," a brief review of the principal realties will perhaps best convey the desired impression of what such a class of interested property-holders means to the town in its moral, intellectual, social, and financial uplift.

It is easy to see why the possessions of Dr. Quackenbos, who is gladly accorded place among the citizens of New London [622], should also stand first among the summer properties, for not only are they the most extensive, but their owner is so genuinely cosmopolitan in his benefactions that it is impossible in the limits of an ordinary biographical sketch to do even approximate justice to his many-sided generosity. There are others who are equally conservative, yet energetic and enterprising, who are earnestly working for advancement along the best lines, and yet among them all Dr. Quackenbos stands as the pioneer, the master spirit *par excellence*. He has for the lake a heart of love, and is interested in everything which makes for improvement. His efforts are characterized by an absolute unselfishness, and include doing his utmost for the permanent residents of all the towns on the lake border. His Soo-Nipi Park is in the westerly corner of New London, adjoining Newbury, and the inhabitants of these two towns are the constant beneficiaries of his philanthropy. In New-

bury he holds religious services during the summer months, in New London he gives free lectures; both have the benefit of his knowledge of hygiene and medicine. For the whole region he makes maps, and assists in the preparation of gazetteers and guide books. For the denizens of the lake itself he fights valiantly until he secures the recognition of a new species of trout, which he loyally christens the Sunapee sailing from the crystalline waters of its birthplace. Each year his ceaseless activity finds new outlets, fresh benefits are conferred. Right royally is he to be welcomed to the privileges of citizenship! To his courtesy is due the use of the modern map of New London, and the several illustrations accompanying the following article:

SOO-NIPI PARK.

Bordering the Newbury line, in the southwest corner of the town of New London, is Soo-Nipi Park, the property of Professor John D. Quackenbos, of Columbia university, New York City, and an honored resident of New London. This park is made up of the old Pike farm and part of the farm of the late Amos B. Currier. It has an area of 400 acres, and stretches northward along the lake shore for some two miles, fully one half of its water front consisting of a gently receding beach of velvety white sand, crescented by pines. From the water's edge, the land rises in tree-covered knolls to a height of from 50 to 100 feet.

Soo-Nipi Park is well-covered with forests of spruce, pine, hemlock, and balm of Gilead fir. Within a quarter mile of the New London road are pine glades of surpassing beauty, crossed by two mountain streams "making sweet music with the enamelled stones," and everywhere threaded by wildwood paths and forest roads carpeted with pine needles and shaded by resinous boughs. There are about four miles of private carriage drives, three miles of brookside rambles, and perhaps ten of foot and bridle paths, now leading into the cathedral groves of white and Norway pine, anon skirting the rock-bound shore, or traversing stretches of sunny beach. The owner has made this property a university settlement. A number of cottages have already been erected on the lake shore; and in the belief that no other locality in the enchanting lake region



SOO-NIPI PARK LODGE, FROM THE EAST. FRONTAGE, ABOUT THREE HUNDRED FEET. FACES THE SOUTHWEST.

of central New Hampshire possesses attractions equal to those of Soo-Nipi Park, Dr. Quackenbos has offered lots and building sites of any desired area or location, for lease on long terms, or for sale. The park is restricted for fifty years against all nuisances, including manufacturing operations, trades of every kind, the public sale of goods, tenement- and boarding-houses, and all immoral pursuits. No public wharf for the indiscriminate landing of passengers is permitted. The park piers are reserved absolutely, under the wharfage laws of the state, as private piers. Sales and leases are made subject to these restrictions, which are recorded in Book 301, page 165, Register's Office, Concord. The park beaches, pine glades, forest paths, drive-ways, and promenade piers are open for the enjoyment of owners and lessees, who have also bathing and haven rights, with all the privileges of the park. A convenient place on the beach has been selected for the erection of private bathing-houses; and all owners and lessees, littoral or otherwise, have the right of access to the shores and the privilege of mooring boats at certain designated points.

Having long made the park his summer home and tested its advantages as a health and pleasure resort, Professor Quackenbos has also built at Nirvaña, the principal steamboat landing, on an eminence one hundred feet above the lake level, a private reference hotel known as Soo-Nipi Park Lodge. This hotel consists of two large buildings, connected by a covered promenade and porte-cochère. It is furnished with every modern appointment conducive to health, convenience, and pleasure—bath-rooms with hot and cold water and perfect sanitary equipment, a hot-air furnace and open fire-places, cozy smoking-, reading-, and lounging-rooms, airy verandas, and sunny porticoes. The sleeping-rooms on the second and third floors, communicating with private balconies, in addition to commanding the most extensive views obtainable, are, by reason of their exposure to the volatilized oleo-resins from adjacent evergreen forests, exceptionally adapted to the wants of invalids. All rooms are well ventilated, and both comfortably and artistically fitted. They overlook Lake Sunapee and Soo-Nipi Park, those that face the south and west commanding a distant panorama which, for picturesque diversity and restful beauty, has few equals in New England.

The general assembly and music room, 26 x 46 feet in area, and finished in quartered oak, with its cheerful fire-places, easy chairs and divans, tasteful decorations, and magnificent outlook, is a supreme attraction. A broad covered piazza, 250 feet in length and broken by porches, surrounds the hotel, affording opportunities for exercise in rainy weather and delightful gathering-places on summer evenings. Directly in front of this piazza lies Lake Sunapee. The dining-room, an especially bright and pleasant apartment some 1,200 square feet in area, is exquisitely furnished, and offers attractive sittings at private tables. The appointments are dainty in every respect; the service, attentive and courteous; the cuisine, unexceptionable. The reading-room is supplied with leading periodicals, and contains a library of books for study, entertainment, and reference. New York morning papers arrive at the hotel on the day of their issue. In many summer resorts, the beneficial effects of climate and out-door exercise are neutralized by dampness in the sleeping-rooms and imperfect drainage. At Soo-Nipi Park Lodge, absolute dryness is insured by the location of the houses on an eminence above the lake, exposed to steady currents of air from the west. Properly situated drains conduct all surface water away from the hotel, the plumbing is of the most approved modern type, and the sewer-pipes are constantly flushed and disinfected. A promenade pier, extending 400 feet into the lake and having a covered water-face 60 feet square, with comfortable sittings for ladies, is nicely fitted to the purposes of an out-door solarium. Its long reach of nearly an eighth of a mile serves as a unique promenade. A spacious boat-house is included beneath the roof, with bath-houses for such as enjoy a deep-water plunge.

Life at the Lodge is charmingly unconventional, every suggestion of a hotel being kept in the background. The house is not open to the public. There is no bar; the atmosphere is refined and Christian; it is understood that the Sabbath will be respected. Boats are not let on Sunday for fishing or gala purposes, nor turn-outs for excursion parties. Religious services are held on that day in the Assembly Room. Throughout the summer, there are evening receptions and entertainments, with music and dancing. The management provides at reasonable rates, all the luxuries and privileges of home for



A CORNER AT THE LODGE IN BLOSSOM TIME. ORIEL BALCONIES.

cultured and moral patrons only, who find Soo-Nipi Park Lodge an ideal summer residence, combining the attractions of rustic and forest life with modern comforts and rare social advantages. The coarse and otherwise undesirable elements of society are rigidly excluded, and references from strangers are therefore expected.

The society is composed largely of families from New York, New Haven, and Boston, who have been attracted by the beauty and healthfulness of the region, and the intelligent and cultured tone characteristic of the Lodge. Professors from Yale, Harvard, and Columbia, besides many persons known to literary fame or actively engaged in educational work, make the park their summer home, either occupying cottages or boarding at the hotel. Among such guests and visitors at the park in past years may be mentioned Professors Rees, Woodward, Jacoby, Dunning, Munroe Smith, Ricketts, Trowbridge, Harry Peck, Wm. Carpenter, and O'Connor, of Columbia university; Professors Whitney and Williston of Harvard; Professors William G. Sumner, Beebe, and Frank Porter of Yale; Professors Holman and Peabody of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Professor Smith of Dartmouth; Professor Isaac E. Hasbrouck of Brooklyn; Dr. Wm. H. Watson, Regent of the N. Y. State university; Wm. Dean Howells, the novelist; Miss Eliza Dean Taylor, author of "A Cup of Loving Service;" the Rev. Dr. Samuel W. Duncan, foreign secretary of the American Baptist Missionary union; the Rev. Dr. T. T. Munger of New Haven; the Rev. W. Montague Geer of St. Paul's church, New York; the Rev. Robert L. Parker of Providence; the Rev. T. A. Leggett of W. Brighton; Judge A. L. Brown of the U. S. Supreme Court, and Judge Dugro of New York.

Soo-Nipi Park is a health resort of rapidly extending repute. With its matchless summer climate and bracing autumn air; its medium elevation, which insures immunity from the dangers of extreme altitudes; its sandy soil, doing away with all surface dampness; and its freedom from malarial influences—the Sunapee tableland is conspicuous among natural sanatoriums. Hay fever patients experience immediate benefit in the vicinity of its evergreen forests. Irritable bladder and lithæmia are alleviated by the use of the pure, soft water

of the lake, a pure diluent and solvent. Drinking water of unrivalled purity (see analyses) is furnished at the Lodge, and will be found a most important factor in the treatment of kidney and bowel disturbances, dyspepsia, and the uric acid diathesis. The generally dry climate is agreeable to sufferers from rheumatism and neuralgia; the elevation is nicely adapted to nervous, asthmatic, and cardiac disorders; while amid the diversity of employments, all invalids discount introspection. Convalescents, persons with sensitive lungs and throat, and delicate children, will find at Soo-Nipi Park the conditions for improvement and cure.

The park meets a most important condition of healthfulness, in that it is situated on the eastern shore of a New England lake, thus receiving the last rays of the setting sun, and knowing no twilight chill. Mists are rare. The border of the lake is pure and clean. Weeds secure no foothold in the white sand and gravel. Mosquitoes are absent after June; other insect plagues are unknown. The sanitary laws of the state prohibit the contamination of the lake by sewage or kitchen drainage; and the Lake Sunapee Protective association, composed of the principal littoral owners, has for its object the prevention of all such pollution. Hence the water, which is as free from impurities as undistilled water can conceivably be, is universally used for drinking purposes. Further, it is so cold and pure that it possesses neither the temperature nor the concentration of nutritious substances (from decomposing vegetable matters) essential to the growth of bacilli. The typhoid plant and the hematozoon of paludism cannot reproduce themselves in Lake Sunapee.

ANALYSIS OF LAKE SUNAPEE WATER, N. Y. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Parts by weight in one hundred thousand.—Chlorine in chlorides .120.—Equivalent to sodium chloride .197. Phosphates, none. Nitrogen in nitrites, none. Nitrogen in nitrates .0066. Free ammonia .002. Albuminoid ammonia .008. Hardness equivalent to carbonate of lime (before boiling) 1.77—(after boiling) 1.77. Organic and volatile (loss on ignition) 1.50. Mineral matter (non-volatile) .80. Total solids (by evaporation) 2.30. Total nitrogen .148. Grains to the gallon, 1.34.



A GLIMPSE OF SUNAPEE FROM THE LODGE, ONE HUNDRED FEET ABOVE THE LAKE LEVEL.

ANALYSIS OF THE HOTEL SPRING WATER, N. Y. HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Parts by weight in one hundred thousand.—Chlorine in chlorides .342.—Equivalent to sodium chloride .562. Phosphates, none. Nitrogen in nitrites, none. Nitrogen in nitrates .0325. Free ammonia .0055. Albuminoid ammonia .002. Hardness equivalent to carbonate of lime (before boiling) 4.43—(after boiling) 3.82. Organic and volatile (loss on ignition) 2.20. Mineral matter (non-volatile) 4.80. Total solids (by evaporation) 7.00. Total nitrogen .038. Grains to the gallon, 4.08.

Grains to gallon in Croton water, from 4.89 to 7.7; in Poland water, 3.75; in Boston drinking water, 2.5.

The lake region offers phenomenal advantages for mental and physical recreation. Not only do the natural charms invite to æsthetic passiveness, teaching “the divine principle of leisure:” the country affords as well opportunities for active pursuits, for mountain drives and climbs and horseback rides, for wheeling, for forest rambles, for sketching, photographic, geological, and botanical excursions. Crystals of amethyst (New London and Springfield), choice beryls (the largest in the world in Grafton), garnets, tourmalin prisms (Springfield), fibrolite, staurolites or *cross-stones*, quartz diamonds, amethystine and smoky quartz, rose quartz (Ragged Mountain), the finest of mica and graphite, infusorial earths.—are the possible rewards of him who seeks. Moreover, no section of New England presents a greater diversity of glacial phenomena, the lake-basins themselves having been excavated by the erosive power of ice, and many of the adjacent rounded or lenticular hills (notably New London street) owing their origin to vast deposits of sand left in the wake of receding glaciers. Striations, planed surface-rocks, and boulders, wandered from their native beds, bear further witness to the irresistible power of the moving primeval ice-mass. Pot-holes, or Indian kettles, furnish texts for impressive sermons in stones, and caverns hollowed in the abrupt sides of cliffs, invite to scientific investigation.

Artists in search of the rare, the novel, and the quaint, may gather attractive material among the deserted farmhouses draped with woodbine, the crumbling mills with their scum-covered eddies, the lonesome lily-ponds, dense cathedral

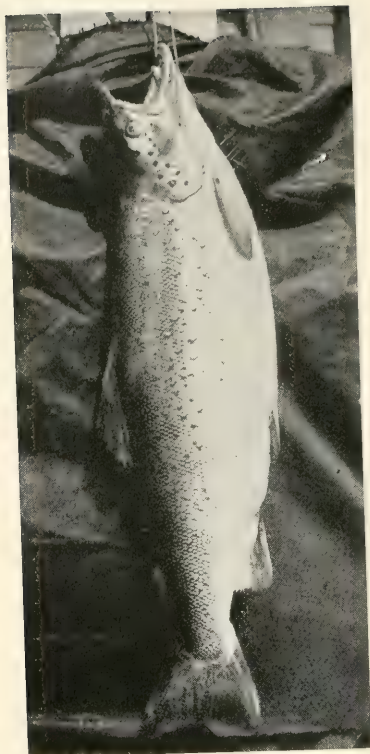
groves, and emerald fern-shaws. The ornithologist will find the lake border a peculiar meeting-ground for Alleghany and Canadian bird forms, and hence exceptionally adapted, by the variety and profusion of its bird life, to the study of our *avifauna*. Three hundred and seventy different species of birds have been noted in the fields and forests. With a single exception, the entire family of thrushes is here represented; and the restful notes of the Wilson's thrush, with the ethereal strains of the solitary hermit, "Nature's sublimest songster," may be enjoyed in their perfection. Everywhere through the forest aisles, song and white-throated sparrow, blue-headed and red-eyed vireo, bay-winged bunting, warbler, snow-bird, rose-breasted grosbeak and winter wren, make music such as art knows not.

The flower lover, too, through a long holiday may revel in a wealth of wild bloom, from the trillium, anemones, and arbutus tufts of early spring, to the white and purple asters that checquer the October roadsides. All through June, the pink cypripedium, or slipper-shaped orchid, colors the woodland dells; blue and white violets spangle the meadows; mauve azaleas and white honeysuckles breathe in favored nooks their delicate odors; and every wall is snowy with blackberry blows, that Walt Whitman said "would adorn the parlors of Heaven." Strayed far from gardens long-forgotten, hoyden Jacqueminots, rich in attar, spread their gaudy magenta in sequestered pastures; and pale swamp-roses lay bare their golden hearts amid wet thickets. And then, "born to joy and pleasure,"

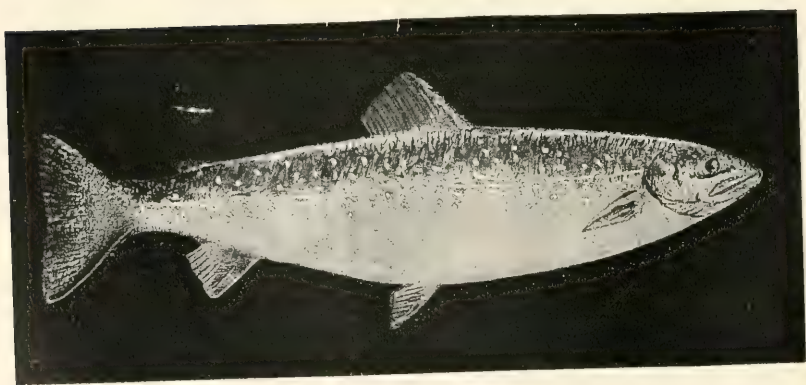
"O'er her tall blades the crested fleur-de-lis,

"Like blue-eyed Pallas, towers erect and free."

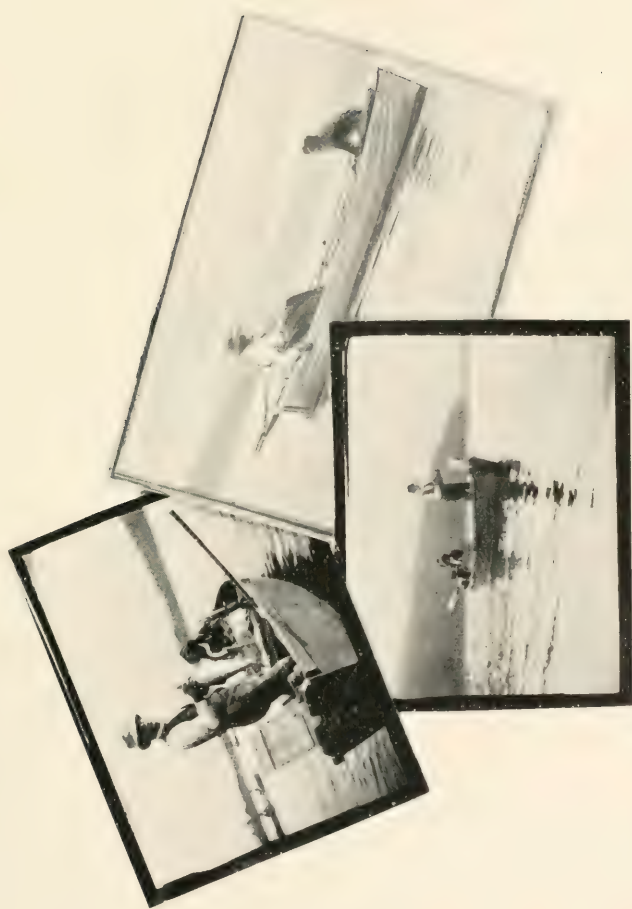
As the summer wears on, the clematis climbs in tangles of silvery plumes, and sweet-scented nymphæas, "white angels of the crystal lakes," light many a shadowy recess. Fire-weeds flaunt their brilliance in the clearings; blue gentians dapple the low grounds; the purple sarracenia lifts its grotesque pitchers in the peat-bogs; and waxy stems of Indian pipe nod their corpse-white flowers over the roots on which they feed. The open woods are pranked with orange lilies; and orchid beauties, "the elite of the floral kingdom," hide



TEN-POUND SUNAPEE OUANANICHE.



THE WHITE TROUT, OR SAIBLING, OF SUNAPEE LAKE.
(*Salvelinus Alpinus Aurcolus.*)



FISHING SCENES. "LUCKY IKE" WITH AN EIGHT-POUND OUANANICHE.

their blooming wonders in the forest depths. At last, in the September days, the world seems turned to golden-rod ringing with the cricket's song: and low-voiced streams trickle through glossy pools, where cardinal clusters still signal the ruby-throated humming-bird to feast upon the nectar stored in their "heart-red bloom."

Fortunate are they whose leisure permits them to linger through the dreamy Indian summer of October, and watch the flush of autumn deepen over the forests. The climate is then at its best. The days, if ever, are perfect. The hillsides, ablaze with crimson and gold, mirror their glories in the motionless lake.

The sun is wont to go to glade amid purple pomp, or throned in pillared clouds of flame; and a rosy-lilac afterglow gives mysterious lustre to the twilight hour between sundown and moon dawn. The nights are cool but bland: and through the mellow haze, planets and stars glimmer with subdued splendor. Visitors who prolong their stay into November will find the climate grow gradually more stimulating, outdoor exercises more exhilarating, life in every way more intense. And, to quote a native poet,

"A beauty is upon the earth this hour

"Ne'er seen but in these opening winter days."

Soo-Nipi Park is the *medius locus* of the greatest angling resort in New England. Said A. N. Cheney, the New York State Fish Culturist (*Forest and Stream*, July 28, 1892): "If one should ask where the greatest variety of game fishes can be found in water that is open to the general public for fishing, I should say in Sunapee Lake, N. H." Eight species of salmonidæ inhabit the Sunapee system: I. The brook trout, which attains as large a size as in the Rangeleys—6 to 10 lbs. II. The land-locked salmon, known also as the "Ouananiche," the most popular of American game fishes. Specimens have been killed at Sunapee weighing 14 and 15 lbs. III. The Loch Leven trout, imported from Loch Leven, Kinross-shire, Scotland; either a land-locked sea-trout, or the descendant of the Firth of Forth salmon, whose means of communication with the sea was suddenly cut off by some convulsion of nature. In quickness of wit, fighting qualities, and delicacy

of flavor, second to no fish in the world. Extreme known weight, 18 lbs. IV. The brown or Von Behr trout of Europe, a recent importation from Caledonia Creek, New York, where it has attained a weight of 11 lbs. Grows to 30 lbs. V. The rainbow trout, from California, so called on account of its iridescent purplish sides, and broad lateral crimson band. VI. The blue-back trout, from the Rangeley lakes. VII. The Sunapee saibling, or aureolus, a golden-hued charr of the Alpine species, the descendant of a once widely-spread Arctic form which survives only in Lake Sunapee, a deep, cold pond connected with the Ossipee system, and a small lake near Mt. Desert. This saibling is a prolific and rapidly growing salmonoid, surpassing all congeners in symmetry and brilliancy of coloration. It is known to attain a weight of 12 lbs. VIII. The land-locked smelt, a delicious table fish. The brook trout and salmon afford fine fly-fishing from May 1 to June 10. Black bass then come to the shores, and are taken with a fly after June 15. The bass is a favorite with ladies and children, who readily capture it by trolling or still-fishing. Pickerel and pike perch are found in certain localities.

A prolonged autumn stay will be found both interesting and profitable in connection with the work at the State Hatchery on Pike brook, in Soo-Nipi Park. The spawning season of the various salmonidæ extends from September 1 to November 10. During this period the nets of the commissioners are spread at the mouth of Pike brook, which the salmon and trout are about to ascend, and on the mid-lake beds of the saibling. Large numbers of adult fish are in this way secured. No weather deters employees who are faithful to their obligations. With icy hands, they tenderly loose spawner and milter from the net's clutch at dead of night, up to their breasts in freezing water when the necessities of the case demand it, beaten and drenched with tempest, but ever with sprightliness unchilled, always cheerful, never complaining, no half-hearted service.

The fish commissioners have bound themselves to use the property leased from Dr. Quackenbos exclusively for fishery purposes; to keep it private at his request; to give access to no other persons than state employees; to prohibit at the Camp all practices, businesses, and doings in general, that are objectionable to the lessor.



FISHING FOR THE STATE IN KING'S HILL BROOK, SOO-NIPI PARK. FAST TO A BIG ONE.

By virtue of his contracts with the state, Dr. Quackenbos has full right to decide what kind of procedures shall characterize the life of employees at the station of the New Hampshire Fish commission. As an uncompromising foe to immorality of every kind, including Sabbath desecration, Dr. Quackenbos will always insist that fish-catching and fish-hatching at Soo-Nipi Park shall be carried on in an atmosphere pure enough for the most sensitive to breathe.

Soo-Nipi Park is open to the people of New London and their summer visitors by the courtesy of Professor Quackenbos, who invariably receives with munificent politeness all who may come to his place in the spirit of ladies and gentlemen.

The trout and salmon captured during September and October in the manner already described, are detained in huge tanks until the ovaries of the females are fully developed. The eggs are then extruded by gentle pressure, and are fertilized by bringing them in contact with milt similarly obtained from the male fish. In the hatching-troughs of the station (which has accommodations for a million eggs) in a current of cold spring water, these vitalized ova mature safely on wire screens coated with paraffine varnish to prevent rust. The percentage of loss is small, for, although in danger of destruction by fungus (*Saprolegnia ferox*), there is immunity from drought, flood, and frost, and absolute exemption from the attacks of a multitude of enemies, such as fish, birds, frogs, water-rats, and the larvæ of various insects. Of 10,000 eggs deposited in the natural method, it is estimated that only 20 hatch. But since one half of all fishes that are born perish before attaining a marketable size, there would be but 10 full-grown salmon or trout from every 10,000 eggs. With scientific care, however, 9,500 can be hatched, and if one half these perish, there would still remain, as a possible outcome of artificial propagation, 4,750 full-grown fish for every 10,000 fertilized eggs.

It is worth a trip to Sunapee to see the large trout and salmon corralled in the state tanks. It is a unique experience to watch the American saibling spawning on their midlake beds—the grandest sight ever viewed by angler, and one which nowhere else can be enjoyed. On shallows two or three feet beneath the surface, in all the glory of their nuptial tints, flash

schools of these dazzling beauties, circling in proud sweeps about the rocks they would select as the scenes of their loves, the poetry of an epithalamion in every motion—here, offering to the sunbeams in graceful leaps their golden sides dashed with vermilion and clouded in amethyst; there, suddenly darting in little companies, the pencilled margins of their fins seeming to trail behind them like white ribbons under the ripples. There are conspicuous differences in intensity of general coloration, and the gaudy hues of the male are tempered in the spawner to a dead-lustre cream tint or delicate olive, with pearl spots. The wedding garment nature has given to this charr is unparagoned.

During the interval of fish-culture study, visitors will find fair sport with the gun through “Autumn’s soft, shadowy days.” Plover, snipe, and other aquatic birds are in season; and ruffed grouse may be shot during September. Large flocks of ducks and geese frequent the lake, and their wild chatter mingles in the gloaming with “the loon’s weird laughter.” The covers abound in the great northern hare; superb woodcock shooting may be enjoyed within a few miles, and the fox is always ready to match his trained instincts against the hunter’s intellect and skill. Raccoons give opportunity for exciting moonlight chases; squirrels, red and gray, tenant the forests, and deer are frequently jumped in the roads and pastures. In winter, out-door amusements of all kinds—tobogganing, skating, snow-shoeing, ice-yachting, fishing through the ice, fox and hare coursing, etc., may be enjoyed.

Tennis courts, golf links, croquet lawn, and quoit ground, canoeing, sailing, bathing, berrying, and picnic parties, lake carnivals and regattas, fishing, hunting, and mountain excursions are among the many recreations open to summer guests. Boating and bathing at Sunapee are without danger. Ladies and children may paddle for a mile’s stretch along the park beach without going beyond their depth. The barn is a rainy-day play-house, where the little ones may tumble on the new-mown hay or ride in the vis-a-vis swing. A dark-room with running water is provided for the use of amateur photographers, and,—in short, every possible facility for the comfort, convenience, and amusement of the guests is utilized to the utmost.



FOREST ROAD THROUGH THE PINES, SOO-NIPI PARK.



VIEW ON THE GOLF LINKS, SOO-NIPI PARK.

In conclusion, it may be said that Soo-Nipi Park is the place to rest the jaded brain; to sleep in the fragrant ozones of hemlocks and balsams; to recuperate physically, intellectually, spiritually; to enjoy the most refined society, or to "love not man the less but Nature more." The aspect of the surrounding region is *picturesque*, that is, *wildly free*—and its effect on the imagination is correspondingly exhilarating. Mere beauty is sedative; but here the environment not only inclines to repose of mind, but stimulates as well. Such stimulation the mentally weary require; and hence it is that the jaded brain and sorrowing heart alike find among the forests and mountains of Sunapee a solace as grateful as it seems inexplicable. There is a savage ruggedness in the granite ledges, an inspiring ancientness enthroned on the tempest-torn peaks, quickening the perceptions, unfettering thought, elevating and transporting the soul. There is a by-gone sweetness about the abandoned grass-grown roads that wind among the hills, flanked by crumbling walls and ampelopsis-buried ruins; all fast becoming part of the nature around them. Silent thoroughfares, blossom-painted lanes, that whilom were pressed by busy feet and rang with merry laughter. There is a weird beauty tintured with sadness that breathes from the deserted hamlets of the dead where the early settlers sleep—the lichen-blurred grave-stones of black slate crouching from human sight amid unwithering clumps of immortelle—an "awful loveliness."

The summer tourist is often heard to exclaim, "Why did you not tell me how beautiful this country is?" And the reply has been: "Simply because it cannot be told. You are experiencing revelations of a beauty for which there is no language known to man." Bold were he who would venture to give material expression to what Wordsworth so poetically apprehends in "Tintern Abbey" as

- "A presence that disturbs me with the joy
- "Of elevated thoughts; a sense sublime
- "Of something far more deeply interfused.
- "A motion and a spirit that impels
- "All thinking things, all objects of all thought,
- "And rolls through all things. Therefore am I still
- "A lover of the meadows and the woods

“ And mountains, and of all that we behold
“ From this green earth—well pleased to recognize
“ In Nature and the language of the sense,
“ The anchor of my purest thoughts, the nurse,
“ The guide, the guardian of my heart, and soul
“ Of all my moral being.”

Sunapee Lake, the westerly border of New London, is the cynosure of the region. It lies at an elevation of 1,103 feet above tide-level, near the summit of a divide that separates the Merrimack and Connecticut River watersheds; is ten miles in length, one to three miles in width, and has a tortuous littoral line of thirty-three miles. Its island-studded waters, clear and cold as the very Sacrement, are fanned by constant westerly breezes. Its shores present a remarkable diversity—now, sheer and heavily timbered; now moss-streaked ledges with red pine crown; now stretching in long crescents of sand, or sloping upward in brilliant pasture-lands to ridges crested with dusky spruce; anon, opening into flower-pied meadows or running back into miniature cañons whose streams recall “romantic Deepdale’s slender rill.” Galaxies of tasteful cottages break the natural monotony of this shore-line. The residence of Col. John Hay, now Secretary of State at Washington, D. C., is conspicuous on “the Fells” to the southeast. “Pine Cliff,” an imposing cluster of summer homes near the geological outlet of the lake, represents a select Concord element. “Camp Sunapee,” at Cold Spring on the west side, is an excellent summer school for boys, where swimming and other athletic accomplishments, photography, etc., are taught by competent masters.

THE MCINTOSH SANITARIUM.

The first place to the north of Soo-Nipi Park is owned by Dr. F. L. McIntosh of Newton, Mass., who has built thereon a splendidly equipped sanitarium for his private patients. This place was part of the original Anthony Sargent farm, afterwards owned by John Page, Charles Jewett, and Robert L. Davis, and commands a wide-spreading view of the lake and its environments. The sanitarium, of which the late W. P.



LAKE SUNAPEE.

Wentworth of Boston was architect, was built in 1896 by Howe & Cummings of Sunapee. It is a finely proportioned and tasteful structure, three stories in height, equipped with the latest sanitary appliances, and providing every possible comfort for guests. Dr. McIntosh is of Scotch descent, the only child of John A. and Harriet (Lamont) McIntosh, and was born in New Marlboro, Mass., Nov. 17, 1858. He is a graduate of Bowdoin college, and received his degree of M. D. from Hahneman college, Philadelphia. He practised for five years at Claremont, then settled at Newton, Mass., where he has been highly successful. Mrs. McIntosh is the daughter of Alanson B. and Abby (Stinchfield) Farwell of Augusta, Me. They have one child, Helen E., born Feb. 8, 1881.

THE DEY PLACE.

Following along-the shore line to the north is the pleasant country-seat of Mrs. Annie S. Dey and her mother, Mrs. M. J. Wheeler, both of Providence, R. I. Mr. Frederick Dey, a New York lawyer and author, was among the earlier cottage owners at Lake Sunapee, spending long seasons of rest and enjoyment in this picturesque spot of Nature's own fashioning. The present residence was built about 1890.

HASTINGS'S SHORE AND WEETAMOO PARK.

Just beyond the Dey place is the stretch of pine-fringed beach known as "Hastings's Shore." Throughout the summer season the score or more of cosy cottages nestled in the shadows of towering pines are filled with merry parties who find in this location the acme of enjoyment, where fishing, boating, and bathing can be had in perfection, and life is almost ideal in its quiet simplicity. Next to Hastings's is "Uplands," owned by the Woodsum Steamboat company, who are perfecting plans for its future development. They also own "Weetamoo Park" (formerly the Jonathan George place [478]), which lies beyond "Rachel's Point" (part of the Campbell Purchase) and "Lakeside," the property of George S. Prescott [619]. Weetamoo Park is to be opened as a picnic ground of the better class, and in the hands of its present owners is sure to become a popular pleasure ground. It is named for the dusky Indian maiden, Weetamoo, "The Song

of the Wood-Dove," whose pathetic story has been so effectively versed in the eighth canto of Whittier's "Bridal of Penacook," the song of the Indian women for the lovely Weetamoo :

" The Dark-eye has left us,
" The Spring-bird has flown ;
" On the pathway of spirits
" She wanders alone.
" The song of the wood-dove has died on our shore :
" *Mat wonck kunna-monee !* We hear it no more !"

The Jonathan Herrick farm at the West Part, later owned by Austin Goings, is now the property of Dr. Ezekiel Morrill, a well-known and leading physician of Concord. Dr. Morrill is another enthusiastic believer in the virtues of Sunapee ozone, and has erected a spacious and fully-equipped sanitarium for the reception of private patients. Each location along the lake shore has its own peculiar charm, and the Morrill demesne, with its wide stretch of almost primitive country, is in its natural environment the embodiment of physical and mental rest and recuperation.

North of Weetamoo Park lie "The Ledges," owned by the Lake Sunapee Spiritualist association. The rest of the New London shore to the north, from the Spiritualist peat-bog to the Sunapee line, is owned by Professor B. H. Campbell of Elizabeth, N. J., and is known as

THE CAMPBELL PURCHASE.

The Campbell purchase proper includes the 80 acres which formerly constituted the Grace place in Newbury, between Soonipi-side Park and Blodgett's Landing. This property Professor Campbell is arranging for immediate improvement, and when completed it will be one of the most attractive of the numerous lake settlements. Along the shore but a little distance from the water line, a highway has been laid out, southeast of which are sixteen magnificent villa sites. From this highway others branch off at right angles, but after passing the villa sites, wind gracefully up the slope out of the forest to the open, thence to the highway over Grace hill. The 80 acres, with their pine and maple groves and beautiful fields, are divided thus into plats with varying lines after the fashion of city parks and landscape gardens. Near the summit



MAP OF LAKE SUNAPEE AND VICINITY.

of the slope from the water line, on the side near Blodgett's, is a hotel site commanding a wide view of the lake and its environment.

Professor Campbell is the owner, also, of six acres at the end of Goings's point (now Rachel's point) near Worthen's (formerly Herrick's) cove, and of the Col. Benjamin Burpee pasture, nearer George's Mills. At the southerly corner of the latter purchase of 60 acres the Campbell summer residence was established during the season of 1895, and on the Edmund Davis place of 65 acres adjoining, which is owned by Mrs. Minnie Purviance Shiras Campbell and her brother, Mr. E. C. Woodruff, much the same scheme of highways, villa and hotel sites will be carried out as on the Grace place.

SONCI.

On the summit of Knight's hill, the centre of a horizon-bounded circle of wondrous scenic beauty, stands an ideal summer home, yet one around which to-day hangs a veil of sadness that can never be lifted, for the gentle, manly presence and loving spirit that made the place truly a home is gone forever.

The sudden death of Judge Edward B. Knight at his home in Charleston, W. Va., Dec. 16, 1897, came with a shock of surprise to the New London friends with whom he had parted only a few short weeks before. For some time past his health had been failing, and yet his stalwart figure and always cheery manner gave the impression of perfect manly vigor. Judge Knight was one of Nature's noblemen, generous, true-hearted, and brave, and it is with a keen sense of personal loss that we realize that his genial presence has gone forever from among us, and that the grand old hills and beautiful lakes he loved so well will know him no more.

Mr. Knight was a native of Hancock, born Aug. 22, 1834, but from early manhood has been more or less associated with New London. He fitted for college at Colby academy, and, after graduating from Dartmouth in 1861, began the study of law in the office of George W. Everett of New London, receiving admittance to the bar at Newport in September, 1863. For a year he was in Dover, but in March, 1865, removed to Charleston, W. Va., and soon rose to eminence in his chosen

profession. He cared nothing for political honors, but devoted himself to his work and his family. It is many years since, with his family, he began passing the summers in New London at the home of his brother, George M. Knight [494], and about twelve years ago he built his delightful summer home, "Sonci," on the summit of Knight's hill, where weary eyes and brain might find rest and inspiration in the strength and grandeur of the everlasting hills. It may be truly said of Judge Knight that the world was better for his having lived in it; and to those near and dear to him the loss is irreparable.

FERN LEDGE AND THE CASTLE.

Two other summer homes on Knight's hill claim at least a passing notice. "Fern Ledge Cottage" is owned by Mrs. A. S. Cummins, wife of Lieutenant Cummins, U. S. A. Mrs. Cummins is gifted with the artistic touch, and has painted many of the beautiful landscape views that abound in this vicinity. One of her pictures, "The Birches," represents a dainty bit of woodland on the Burpee hill road,—groups of silvery white birches, those "fairies of the wood," as the red men called them—and might well distinguish this highway as "Birch road." "The Castle" was built by Miss Tilley Jones, daughter of Maj. Joseph B. Campbell, U. S. A., in 1895-'96. It is by far the most pretentious of the summer homes, and is a conspicuous landmark for miles around from its commanding location. Mr. John A. Tompkins of New York city was the architect, and every possible comfort and convenience contribute to the enjoyment of those who are favored to dwell beneath its hospitable roof. Miss Jones became the wife of Captain Pitcher, U. S. A., in the summer of 1896, and their honeymoon was spent at "The Castle."

WILLOW FARM.

Those who have come into New London as summer visitors, and from pleasant experiences decided to locate here summers, naturally feel interested in those people who were owners before them. "Who were the builders, and tillers of the soil before us? Who built up the stone walls, and plowed the lands?"



WILLOW FARM.

Thinking it might be a bit of historical interest to know of one of these places, the present owners of the farm at the West part, known as "Willow Farm," have searched the records, and present the following. It gives them great pleasure to place this research in the history now being written of New London :

Willow Farm, lot 86, became the property in 1773 of Capt. Jonas Minot by allotment. Little or nothing is known of what he did with the property, or whether any improvements were made by him. In 1801 the property was taxed to James Minot, son of Captain Minot, and he lived there until his removal to Sutton in 1808. The first recorded deed is to Amos Page and Matthew Sargent, who purchased of him Sept. 4th, 1813, thirty-one acres and 51 rods. The deed is signed by James Minot, and witnessed by John Page and Henry Achilles. April 10th, 1820, Amos Page bought additional land, which included the present house and farm buildings, from Mary Robertson, who was the widow of Daniel Robertson, and who no doubt built the house. The number of the lot was 87, and contained 50 acres. This land was sold at auction to settle the estate of Daniel Robertson. Amos Page was the highest bidder. The widow retained a house on another portion of the farm, near the road, and the free use of barns. This deed was signed by Mary Robertson's mark X, and witnessed by Levi Harvey and Jonas Harvey.

Amos Page and his family must have lived on the property for many years, and in that time acquired other lands, for on May 18th, 1859, Amos Page and his wife sold "Willow Farm" to the town of New London, and the deed shows amount of land sold to be 300 acres, more or less. This deed was signed by Amos Page and Hannah S. Page, witnessed by J. M. Hayes and M. A. Russell. November 15th, 1875, the town of New London sold "Willow Farm" to Mr. Luther McCutchins and Marcus Nelson. Mention is made in this deed that fifty acres had been sold to Belden Morgan. The deed is signed by Micajah Morgan and Leonard P. Gould, witnessed by C. S. Sargent and Alvin F. Messer.

April 1st, 1876, Luther McCutchins and wife, Marcus Nelson and wife, sold "Willow Farm" to Thomas and John K. Law. The deed is signed by L. McCutchins and Elizabeth L. McCutchins, Marcus Nelson and Lucy J. Nelson, witnessed by

A. J. McCutchins and C. S. Sargent. The 26th of December, 1879, Thomas Law and wife sold their interest in "Willow Farm" to John K. Law. Deed was signed by Thomas Law and Rebecca J. Law, witnessed by J. W. H. Law and Mehitable Law.

March 25th, 1895, John K. Law and wife sold "Willow Farm" to James J. Tracy and wife. They have remodelled the buildings only enough to make them more comfortable and convenient for a summer home. They honor those who builded before them, and did so well the laborious work necessary to put the farm in shape, which is prized so highly by the owners. This last deed is signed by John K. Law and Mehitable Law, witnessed by Edwin F. Hastings and Sarah Townsend. Mr. Law has had built for him a cottage, so his home is still upon the farm he owned so many years.

THE WHITNEY PLACE.

It is perhaps a quarter century ago that the Amos Currier farm at the West Part became the favored summer home of the Quackenbos family, and was occupied by them year after year until failing health compelled its owner to close his hospitable doors. Among the select coterie of distinguished educators who within the last decade have sought rest and recreation in this region so favored by Mother Nature in her kindest mood, was the late Professor Whitney of Harvard university, who purchased the Currier homestead, and for several seasons enjoyed to the full the quiet but every-varying charm of his surroundings. The place is now owned by his sister, Miss Whitney, of Cambridge, Mass.

THE SILL HOMESTEAD.

The Rev. Thomas H. Sill and his family have, in the West Part of New London, a fine cottage, colonial style, built in the summer of 1895. It occupies a commanding position overlooking Lake Sunapee and the country around. Mr. Sill was born at Middletown, Conn., in 1838, of old colonial stock. He was graduated from Columbia college, New York, in 1861, and from the General Theological seminary of the Protestant Episcopal church, New York, in 1864.

After a few months spent as rector of Grace church, Canton,



WILLOW FARM FROM THE NORTHWEST.

N. Y., he was called to Trinity parish, New York city, where he has been in charge of St. Chrysostom's chapel as vicar for the past thirty years. Mr. Sill has three sons, all graduates of Columbia college, and two daughters. Two of his sons are studying for the ministry. The eldest studied at the University of Halle, Germany, and has recently accepted a position as instructor in Ancient History at the University of the City of New York.

Mr. Sill has been spending his summers in the West Part for the past sixteen years, and has held services of the Episcopal church every summer, the board of education kindly giving him the use of the district school-house. It is proposed, when sufficient money is raised, to build a church in the neighborhood, plans for which have been already drawn by the eminent architect, Mr. J. Halsey Wood, of Newark, N. J.

Mrs. Sill is a native of New York city, where her father was an eminent physician.

LITTLE SUNAPEE AND "THE OLD HOMESTEAD."

In the steady march of improvement it is safe to predict that within the next decade a score of cottages will be built along the densely wooded shores of Little Sunapee lake, several sites in this beautiful location having already been secured by prospective cottage builders. To George W. Hodges of Chicago, son-in-law of Albert R. Hunting [488], belongs the distinction of being the pioneer cottager, his cosy home amid the whispering pines on the northeasterly shore of the lake having been occupied by his family for several summers. The cottage built by Asa Ray [375] is now owned by his grandson, Ernest Porter, who during the spring of 1898 transformed the time-worn dwelling into a comfortable and tasteful residence for the summer season. Last, but by no means least among the summer homes, comes "The Old Homestead" on Colby hill, owned by Mrs. James B. Royce of Washington [348], great-granddaughter of its original owner, Greene French [245]. With Mrs. Royce it has been a labor of love to rehabilitate and beautify the ancestral home where her childhood days were passed, and it is creditable to her good taste that the improvements thus far made only intensify the distinctive characteristics of this old-time mansion.

CHAPTER XIV.

CENTENNIAL HISTORY OF THE BAPTIST CHURCH—HISTORICAL SKETCHES OF SECRET FRATERNITIES AND OTHER NEW LONDON INSTITUTIONS.

[The historical address delivered by the late Rev. George W. Gardner, D.D., at the centennial celebration of the New London Baptist church, Tuesday, October 23, 1888 (see *p.* 554), is herewith reprinted from his original manuscript through the courtesy of Mrs. Celia H. Gardner.]

“1788—OCTOBER 23—1888.”

One hundred years of written and of unwritten history; and the unwritten more than the written, as the interior, the hidden, the spiritual, is more than the external, the visible, the material. The outward life of an individual and of a church can be recorded:—the inward, only in part, or not at all. The records of history are only a mould of the past into which we must pour the fresh life of the present in order to make the past real, potential, instructive. This church, whose hundredth birthday we now celebrate, is fortunate in its written history. The church records, specially of the earlier years, are very complete, and made with great care and apparent accuracy. They are in the clear and beautiful handwriting of the first pastor.

Organization and First Pastorate.

The first book of Records bears the following inscription on its title page:

“Confession of Faith, Covenant & Records of the first
“Christian church, gathered and settled in the town of New
“London, county of Hillsborough & State of New Hampshire:
“holding to believers Baptism.—1788.—”

The early history of the church is very closely connected with the history of the town. The first settlements had been made in 1775, four families penetrating the forests and clearing up little patches for their farms. The town was incorporated



REV. GEORGE W. GARDNER, D. D.

by act of the Great and General Court then sitting at Exeter, in June, 1779. As early as 1782 Elder Samuel Ambrose held religious services at private houses, and for a few years he seems to have been regarded as the town's minister in connection with Sutton, then called Perrystown, where he resided, this town paying a part towards his support. At this time—1782—there were about 20 families in the town, and the whole number of men, women, and children was 219. Several of these families had come to this new settlement from Attleboro, Mass., and its vicinity. In the year 1787 these former parishioners of Elder Job Seamans, who had been pastor of the Baptist church in Attleboro for several years, invited their old pastor to visit the new town. He complied, and on Lord's day, June 24th, preached his first sermon. There was at this time no church organization here, but it would seem that the leading men of the town were Christian men, and they were not insensible to the religious needs of the new and fast-growing community. Accordingly, as was usual in the case of the "standing order" in New England, the town in its corporate capacity took the initiative in providing religious services, and formally invited Elder Seamans to become the minister of the town. The town record of this action reads as follows :

" *Voted.* To give Elder Seamans a call to settle in this town "as a minister of the gospel.

" *Voted.* To give him forty pounds [\$200] as a salary, three "pounds in cash, and 37 pounds in labor and grain and other "produce that he may want, all to be paid at the common "price ;—and all ministerial privileges in town except one half "the parsonage lot."

A legal instrument was given to Elder Seamans, binding* the Town to give to him the "Minister's Lot," as it was called, as follows :

"Know all men by these Presents, that we Levi Harvey, "Samuel Brocklebank, Gen^t & John Adams, yeomen, Com- "mittee of the town of New London in the State of New "Hampshire and County of Hillsborough, are holden and stand "firmly bound and obliged unto Elder Job Seamans of Attle- "borough in the state of Massachusetts and county of Bristol,

*The original of this Bond is now in possession of J. M. Seamans, Esq., of Brookline, Mass.

“ in the full and just sum of two thousand Spanish Mill^d Dollars, to be paid unto the said Elder Job Seamans, his Certain Attorney, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns, to the which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves and heirs, in behalf of this town firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals.—Dated this twenty eight day of March, in the year of our Lord—Anno Domⁱ—one thousand seven Hundred and Eighty Eight.

“ The condition of this present obligation is such that whereas we the above named Committee were impowered the twenty fourth day of this Instant by a vote of this town, to give unto the above named Elder Job Seamans a Bond for his Security of title to a Lot of Land containing one Hundred and fifty acres be the same more or less, Bounded as the Propriaters records of this town do shew, being No. Eighty two, which according to the charter of this town was to be the right of the first Settled minister in this town forever,—if he the s^d Seamans his heirs or assigns are not Damaged or Disposed of s^d Lot of Land or any part Thereof then the above written obligation to be void and of none effect, or else to abide and remain in full force and virtue,

“ Signed Sealed and Delivered—(Signed)

“ in presence of us	Levi Harvey	[Seal]
“ Eben ^r Hunting	John Adams	[Seal]
“ Jonathan Adams	Sam ^l Brocklebank	[Seal]”

This was in the Autumn of 1787. In February, 1788, Elder Seamans again visited the town, with a view no doubt to settle the question of duty in regard to this call. Under date of Feb. 18—which was Monday—the following entry is made in his diary: “ Set out upon a journey up to New London, and on Saturday Feb. 23^d, arrived at Deacon Harvey’s.” The next day he preached at Capt. Morgan’s. On Monday the 25th he preached at Lieut. Messer’s. On Wednesday of the same week the Records of the church show their first entry as follows:

“ Records of the Baptist church of Christ in New London.

“ Wednesday, Feb. 27th, 1788. This day the Baptist brethren in this town & the towns of Sutton & Fisherfield [now Newbury] attended a conference meeting at Ensign Nathaniel

“Everett’s, upon the expediency of coming into church State. “Elder Job Seamans from Attleboro’, in the State of Massachusetts, being present opened the meeting by prayer, then read and expounded the I chapter of Haggai. Then the brethren entered upon conference on the subject before them, and there appeared to be a good agreement amongst them, although their number was small. Upon which Jeremiah Everett, Ebenezer Sargent, & Benjamin Baker, and sisters Elizabeth Whittier and Esther Sargent concluded to petition the church in Sutton, of which they were members, for a dismission, so that they might join in constituting a church in “New London.”

This initial meeting at Ensign Everett’s may be regarded as the springhead of this centennial stream of church history. On Thursday, March 25th, Simeon Kezar and Nathan Goodwin, according to the second entry in the records—“told their experience, in their call out of darkness into marvellous light, and were baptized by Elder Seamans.” The next Saturday was observed as a day of fasting and prayer, “to seek the mind of “God in constituting a church in New London,” and the brethren and sisters present “gave themselves up to each other’s watch and care for the present, until they should see what the “Lord would do with them.” Beautiful form of spiritual association! This was the embryo church. Every subsequent step taken by these devout and earnest-spirited men and women was taken with great deliberation and much prayer. A second day of fasting and prayer was appointed for Sept. 10th, and the brethren concluded “to propound themselves, so that if any “one had any objections against their moral character, they “might have opportunity of bringing them in.” On Sunday Sept. 21st, at the close of public worship, the brethren and sisters—11 in all,—“Signed Articles of Faith and Covenant, “similar to those received by the Associated Baptist churches “in this county.” Meanwhile Elder Seamans had decided it to be his duty to enter this white and inviting field. Accordingly in June he resigned the pastorate of the church in Attleboro’, which he had held with abundant tokens of the divine blessing, for 15 years, and removed his family to New London, starting on the 20th of June, and arriving in this town on July 1,—an interval of twelve days, the distance being about 150 miles!

The entry in his diary* on the occasion of his leaving his flock at Attleboro', is tender and touching :

“Thus my poor labors ‘ended in Attleboro’, where I had
“seen two special seasons of God’s grace, and had many a
“comfortable hour of soul-reviving communion with God (if
“I am not deceived) and where my eyes have been held wak-
“ing, with sorrow, forbidden to sleep. And now a new scene
“of trials opens before me.”

On the Sabbath following his arrival in New London with his family, the good Elder chose very aptly the text for the morning, Acts 10 : 29, the question of the Apostle, “Therefore
“come I unto you without gainsaying, as soon as I was sent
“for : I ask therefore for what intent ye have sent for me?”—
And for the afternoon the 33d verse, the reply of Cornelius,—
“Immediately, therefore, I sent to thee, and thou hast well
“done that thou art come. Now, therefore, are we all present
“before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of
“God.”

No more earnest and important question could be asked by a new pastor entering upon his work—“for what intent have ye sent for me?” What have you called me here for? Why am I here at all? What are you looking for as the outcome of this ministry? What spiritual profit are you seeking? What do you want me to do for you?—And no more morally earnest and appropriate answer could be given than that which Cornelius gave to Peter:—“We are all present before God to hear all things that are commanded thee of God.” We are before God to hear from God through you. You are to be God’s mouth-piece to us. What He tells you we want you to tell us. “All things,” the whole counsel of God. Speak it out, herald it in our ears, the whole truth, the entire, unabridged, unmutated gospel of the blessed God.

Sunday, the 28th of September, following the arrival of Elder Seamans, was signalized by meeting for the first time in the new meeting-house, which had been about two years in building. Even then the house was only partially finished. That first meeting-house, which was voted by the town, and

* The Diary of Elder Seamans, covering more than fifty years of active ministerial life, is a marvel of neatness and good taste, both in form and in spirit. It is in possession of Daniel Seamans, Esq., of New London, a grandson.

built under the direction of a committee appointed by the town, stood on the ground which now constitutes the southern part of the cemetery, having the old graveyard, or churchyard, at its left. The house was still standing when I first came to town in 1853, but was soon after purchased by Ex-Gov. Colby, moved to the academy lot and rebuilt into what is now known as Colby hall.

On the 16th day of October, according to the records: "The brethren met in conference at Elder Seamans's, agreed to appoint Thursday, the 23d day of this month, to constitute a church, to send requesting counsel and assistance of the Baptist churches of Christ in Canaan, Sutton, and Wendal."

In accordance with this vote, on Thursday, October 23d, 1788, one hundred years ago to-day, the church was formally constituted, and recognized by the representatives of the invited churches, as a regular church of Christ. The exercises were held in what was then called the new meeting-house.

The new church, consisting of only twelve members, eleven of whom were constituent members, and one, Elizabeth Whit-
tier, who was baptized and received to membership on the very day the church was recognized, proceeded at once, October 30, to complete its organization by the choice of Elder Seamans as pastor, and soon after, January, 1789, of Ebenezer Hunting as deacon, and Nathan Goodwin as a "standing scribe in the church."

The church sent a letter to the pastor-elect, containing the formal "call" to the pastorate, and the town in public meeting, that all things might be done in order, agreed with the church in their call, which was certified to by a letter sent to him by the selectmen, under date of November 29th, 1788.

First things are seeds of future harvests; beginnings are prophecies of what is to come. The oak is in the acorn. These earnest, deliberative, prayerful, and orderly beginnings of this church are to me most significant indexes, pointing to the progress and prosperity of the century now completed. The letter of the church to its first pastor-elect, seems to me a model both in form and in spirit. It is spread upon the records, as all such documents ought to be, and reads as follows:

“The Baptist Church of Christ in New London—to Elder
 “Job Seamans—Wishing grace, mercy & peace to be multi-
 “plied unto you. Dear brother, it having pleased the Su-
 “preme Ruler in his all wise Providence to cast your lot with
 “us in this town, & a way being opened for you to preach the
 “everlasting gospel among us; for which, blessed be his
 “great name;—as we believe through grace given unto you.
 “You have here given up yourself to the Lord in covenant,
 “and to us by his will; and joining with us in constituting a
 “church in this place: and a church when constituted wants
 “those gifts that our glorious Redeemer, the Great Head of
 “the Church, did purchase & give unto men, when he as-
 “cended up on high; and we, being satisfied with your gifts
 “& qualifications, for the work of the ministry, and with the
 “dismissal from your former pastoral charge; and having
 “had some opportunity of observing your moral character;
 “but especially believing that a dispensation of the gospel of
 “Christ is committed unto you; and having had great satis-
 “faction with your public movements among us;—We there-
 “fore, dear brother, earnestly request you that you would take
 “the pastoral charge and care of this church; hoping in the
 “mercy of God that you may here see much of the displays of
 “divine grace, & of the travail of Christ’s soul, and that you
 “may have the satisfaction of seeing much of the fruits of
 “your labor of love amongst us, which may be for a seal of
 “your ministry & crown of rejoicing in the day of the Lord
 “Jesus: promising through the help of divine grace, to con-
 “tinue our ardent prayers to God for you, that you may have
 “much of the promised presence of the Great Head of the
 “Church; and asking the same of you that you and we may
 “be workers together in the Lord, unto all well-pleasing.

“And we upon diligent search into the divine word, do find
 “that the Lord hath ordained that they that preach the gospel,
 “shall live of the gospel, and that ‘the workman is worthy of
 “his meat, and the laborer is worthy of his hire,’—1 Cor.
 “9:14,—Matt. 10:10,—Luke 10:7,—we fully agree with
 “the town in giving up the lot of land given by charter to the
 “first settled minister in the town, to you & to your heirs and
 “assigns, together with the use and improvement of one half
 “of the parsonage lot, as long as you continue to be our min-

“ister; also forty pounds, lawful money, a year, as a salary
 “for the support of yourself & family.

“(Signed) NATHAN GOODWIN, } *Com. in behalf*
 EBENEZER HUNTING, } *of the Church.*

“NEW LONDON, Nov. 2^d 1788.”

What minister could refuse such a call from such a field? To be sure the call was not “loud” in a salaried point of view, though for the times it was generous—a minister’s lot to constitute a farm, one half the parsonage lot, and \$200 a year, with the prices of home produce low, and necessary expenses moderate. But in all that constitutes a real call to the pastorate, this call was “loud.” The field was broad, the spiritual harvest white, and the laborers few. The whole town was practically a unit in giving this call, and, more than all, the divine voice was distinctly audible in an unmistakable undertone of approval. The call was accepted, and again, in accordance with orderly church procedure, a day was set for the formal installment, or, as the record calls it, reinstallation, of the pastor. That day was January 21, 1789. A large council of the churches in Canaan, Wendall (now Sunapee), Sutton, and Weare convened at the house of the pastor on the day previous. The council was duly organized by the choice of Elder Thomas Baldwin, of Canaan, as moderator, and Elder Amos Wood, of Weare, as clerk. It is plain that this council considered that they had a function beyond the mere satisfaction of the church’s action in a service of recognition. They were called together to *install* a pastor in an office, with a view to permanency and protracted work and usefulness. “Who is this man; what is he? Has he the needed qualifications; is his record good? Is he the right man for the place, and if we install him, will he stay installed?” So much, at least, seems to be implied in the action of the council, which, according to the record, “inquired into Elder Seamans’s ministerial qualifications, his dismissal from the church [in Attleboro’] and recommendation to this church.”

The services connected with the installation were held in the meeting-house, on the day appointed, when Elder Wood preached the sermon, Elder Baldwin gave the charge, Elder Ambrose the fellowship of the churches. Thus prayerfully

and solemnly and impressively, a relation was entered into which practically was to be life-long:—a pastoral relation which was to continue in the providence of God and with the blessing of the Great Head, for nearly forty years. And the whole method of this settlement, the wise deliberation, the repeated seeking of the mind of God, the careful and orderly procedure in the constitution of the church and the call of its first pastor, the council of installment, the provision for future support, all seem to forecast the protracted and divinely blessed work that was to establish this church in its very beginning in the doctrine and fellowship and service of Christ. How different this from the hasty, inconsiderate, hap-hazard way of not *settling*, but employing, a minister in too many cases in our own times! Pastors are too often hired, not settled, recognized but not installed, with the result of a spasm of religious interest on the part of the church and congregation, and a spurt of effort and a flash of success on the part of the minister, rather than a growth, a development, a lasting and permanent blessing to either party!

Thus well begun, the pastorate of Elder Seamans went steadily on, not without trials and reverses, but in the final issue with abundant success, for nearly forty years. In 1790, the church was received into the Woodstock Association, with which body most of the churches in this vicinity were connected.

No sudden and exciting religious interest followed the settlement of the first pastor. Up to 1792, the church numbered only eighteen members, a gain of six in the three or four years of its existence. In the year 1792, a deeper religious interest became apparent, the church itself was quickened, and souls were converted. During this year fourteen new members were received to the fellowship of the church. The work of grace in the town became general and all pervasive. In the year 1793, seventy-five were added to the church. There were only fifty families in town; of these thirty-seven were represented in this church by both husband and wife. It is doubtful if at any time, before or since, so large a number, relatively, of the whole population were members of the church.

In 1794, the church numbered one hundred and fifteen, a gain of more than fivefold in about two years. This was the first great awakening in town. But as almost invariably hap-

pens, this great ingathering was followed by some years of spiritual declension. Both church and pastor were sorely tried by the defection or misconduct of members, and the church records are freighted with the woes of discipline. In this also, the church was scrupulously faithful; sometimes seemingly too scrupulous. Personal difficulties, even of a domestic nature, as between husband and wife, father and son, were brought into the church. But this shows at least the moral earnestness of these our Baptist church fathers, in the matter of the Christian walk and life. Religion, in its organized relations and activities, was to them a solemn and serious business. The Christian profession was no meaningless form; the covenant of the church was no rope of sand, but a chain of mutual promises with links of strong obligation that must not be broken. With them watch-care was both watch and care,—and sometimes more of the *watch* than the *care*!

In the year 1795, some difficulty arose about the obligation of the town to pay the pastor's salary, and a new arrangement was effected by which the town was released from all financial obligation in the matter. This ended the period of church and state union in the Baptist church in New London. I am not apprised of such an arrangement ever having been tried in any other church of our order, though there may have been many.

During the years 1809-'10, the town experienced another gracious visitation of the Holy Spirit, and about forty were hopefully converted and baptized into the fellowship of the church. Among those received in this ingathering were many who became pillars in the temple of God. The work was genuine, and far reaching in its results, and with possibly less of subsequent defection than the revival of fifteen years before.

Again a great work of grace was experienced in 1819, in which thirty members were received at one communion season and twenty-seven at another; this was known as the "great reformation," and the church was largely strengthened by the addition of between eighty and ninety new members.

The following account of this great revival is taken from the *Farmer's Cabinet* of August 14, 1819. The *Cabinet* was published at Amherst, N. H. :

“ Communicated for the Cabinet.

“ REVIVAL OF RELIGION IN NEW LONDON, N. II.

“ God has again been pleased, in his great love and mercy,
 “ to visit the people in this place with the influence of his Holy
 “ Spirit, and to send the messages of pardon and peace to all
 “ who would believe on his son Jesus Christ.

“ The church in this town had received two considerable
 “ additions in consequence of two considerable revivals in the
 “ years 1792 and 1809.

“ The present revival became apparent the first part of
 “ last winter, and the attention of the people was awakened
 “ to attend meetings all the time during the winter. The
 “ weather was remarkably favorable ; the people being remark-
 “ ably united in Baptist sentiments, there was no collision ; a
 “ general impression of seriousness was seated on the counte-
 “ nances of all. This reformation has been carried on with
 “ great solemnity. The Lord has been pleased to speak with
 “ a *still small voice*, and every thing has appeared harmonious
 “ and pleasing.

“ Eighty persons have been added to the church in conse-
 “ quence of this reformation ; and a considerable number have
 “ not yet joined the church, who have hopes that God hath
 “ wrought a saving change in their hearts.

“ That the prayers of the righteous avail much, hath been
 “ verified in this place. The Christian people here, previous
 “ to this reformation, were much engaged in prayer, that the
 “ Lord would visit the people and work a saving change in
 “ their hearts.”

Thus far in the period of thirty-two years of Elder Seamans's ministry, he had been permitted to see three marked seasons of revival, in 1792-'93, 1809-'10, and 1819-'20. Many conversions occurred in other years, in the ordinary course of church and pastoral work, but these were the three great soul harvests of his protracted pastorate.

Elder Seamans closed his direct work as pastor with the year in 1823, though the church records contain no note of any formal resignation, nor any action looking to the settlement of another pastor, till the year 1828. He was advanced in years and in feeble health, having been constantly in pastoral work

in Attleboro' and in New London for more than fifty years. He continued to reside in town till his death, which occurred October 4, 1830, nearly forty-two years after his settlement.

“ Servant of God, well done !

“ Rest from thy loved employ ;

“ The battle fought, the victory won,

“ Enter thy Master's joy !”

I have dwelt thus at length on this initial pastorate on account of both its intrinsic and its relative importance. The written history of this forty years, as recorded in the church books, and more particularly in the very complete and painstaking diary kept by the pastor, records a marvellous amount of work done with great fidelity, persistency, and devotion. That pastorate, covering as it does more than one third of the century of the church's existence, has left an indelible impress not only upon the church in its inner life and its outward activities, in its steadfastness in doctrine, its loyalty to denominational standards, its interest in benevolent and missionary enterprises, but on the whole town as well, and the region round about. If the unwritten history of that forty years could be recorded, together with its outcome, as it is recorded in the books of God, and as “ the day ” will record it, how should we be filled with grateful praise for such a man as Job Seamans !

In the autumn of 1824, Rev. Joseph Davis moved his family into town. There is no record of any action of the church in regard to his relation to the church except his reception as a member. It is stated, however, in the records of the society that he was “ employed ” as a preacher. He seems to have been so employed year by year for two or three years. It is plain that he was not regarded as a settled pastor, but a kind of stated supply.

The New Meeting-house.

During the interval between the active work of Elder Seamans and the second pastorate—the second meeting-house in town—that in which we are now assembled, was built. The records of the Baptist society contain the following items in regard to the building of this house :

“June 4th, 1825. *Voted* as the sense of the Society that a “new meeting house should be erected for the use of the “Society.”

On the 18th of the same month,—“*Voted* That if a meeting “house should be built for the use of the Society, it ought to “be erected at the four corners near Jonathan Everett’s.”

It is evident that the question of location was prominent in the minds of the movers for the new house. There was at this time some honest rivalry for the leadership between the old town centre on Summer street and this “Colby hill” as it was called. The old centre had the meeting-house; the would-be centre wanted as much.

There is no further record in regard to the building of the new house of worship until December, 1826. Meanwhile, it would seem, the house was erected, whether with or without instructions from the society does not appear, by private parties; for on the date last named it was,—

“*Voted*, to accept of the New Meeting House built by “David Everett and Anthony Colby, and the Common around “the same. Chose Joseph Colby & Jonathan Greeley to take “a conveyance of said Meeting House and Common.”

It is proper to note in this connection that the ownership of the meeting-house, as was usual in those times, was twofold: the pew-holders owned it, each having a “deed” of his pew, and the society owned it as a whole. The expense of building was paid by the sale of the pews beforehand, so that the society in its corporate capacity was not involved in the financial responsibility. This will account for the active independence of the society as referred to.

After this date the church records contain allusions to the old meeting-house and the new meeting-house, and for a series of years the Sabbath services were held on alternate Sabbaths in the two houses. Sometimes the old house is referred to as “the town Meeting House.”

This house as it was originally built was of sufficient capacity to accommodate all who wished to worship in it, till the opening of the academy in 1853, when on account of the large number of students requiring seats, it was enlarged by cutting



BAPTIST CHAPEL AND CHURCH. RUINS OF BRICK ACADEMY AT THE RIGHT.

it open, moving back the pulpit end, and putting in twenty new pews in front of the pulpit. It has thus been in use more than sixty years, and has become venerable in its plain and simple beauty. The chapel, or vestry, near by is comparatively modern, it having been built in 1875, through the generous gift of the late George W. Herrick. The clock in the tower was placed there in the year 1884, and was the joint gift of Gen. Luther McCutchins and the late Marcus Nelson.

The Second Pastorate.

Rev. Oren Tracy, of Randolph, Mass., was unanimously called to the pastorate of the church, Feb. 19, 1827. The call was accepted, and Mr. Tracy began his work the next autumn under most favorable indications of the divine approval. He was duly settled and installed by a large Council, after the manner of his predecessor, on the 30th of January, 1828. The exercises were held in "the Baptist New Meeting House—in the presence of a numerous Assembly." The occasion was one of great interest, as well it might be, occurring only once in 40 years!

Mr. Tracy was a young man of good abilities and engaging manners. He had been educated at Waterville, and ordained to the work of the ministry three years before at East Stoughton, Mass. The Council nevertheless proceeded to hear his Christian experience, call to the work of the ministry, and his views of Christian doctrine, as though for re-ordination. This was to be a *settlement*, an installation, not a mere recognition. Therefore the work must all be thorough and well understood. The Council voted "Satisfied," and proceeded with the services, when Rev. Nathan Ames, of Washington, offered the first prayer, Rev. Otis Robinson, of Salisbury, offered the second prayer, Rev. Ira Person, of Newport, preached the sermon, Rev. Elon Galusha offered the installing prayer, Rev. N. W. Williams, of Concord, gave the charge to the candidate, Rev. Theophilus B. Adams, of Acworth—a former member and licentiate of this church—gave the fellowship of the churches, and Rev. Parker Fogg offered the concluding prayer.

Thus with a new and inviting meeting-house and a new and popular young pastor, the prospects of the church were bright. The pastor was earnest and sympathetic in his public ministra-

tions, faithful and assiduous in his pastoral work, deeply interested in the young people and the cause of education, an ardent advocate of the temperance reform, then just beginning to be agitated—and so made himself felt in all the moral, social, and educational, as well as the religious, life of the town. He began at once to sow the good seed, and gathered precious sheaves,—though it was two or three years before the full harvest was ripe. During the first year about 30 were added to the church. In the Autumn of 1831 special tokens of the Spirit's presence among the people became manifest. The church was greatly awakened, and souls began to ask the question of all questions,—“What shall I do to be saved?” Meetings were held on the Sabbath, and on week days in different parts of the town. It was the old story—Zion travailed and she brought forth children. On the first Sabbath in January, 1832,—which was also the first day of the year—43 persons received the bond of fellowship, of whom 39 had been recently converted and baptized. On the first Sunday in March, 35 more recent converts were received, and during the subsequent summer several more, making about 90 in all. In this list are the names of several who are still with us, among them our two senior deacons.

In regard to this great revival, the Hon. J. Everett Sargent, late justice of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, who was one of the number then baptized into the church, in his Historical Address at the Centennial celebration of the town in 1879, uses the following tender and appreciative words :

“Many who are here to-day will never forget that first Sunday in January, 1832, and also the first Sunday in March of the same year, upon each of which occasions about 40, standing on both sides of the broad aisle in the old meeting-house, received the right hand of fellowship from Mr. Tracy, on being received as members of the church. On these occasions Mr. Tracy seemed to be inspired. I have never found and never expect to find another minister who, in all respects, would quite fill Mr. Tracy's place with me.”

Another and a conspicuous illustration of the Scripture,—“I am of Paul, and I of Apollos, and I of Cephas,”—it matters not so it be and all “of Christ!”

It is doubtful if the church has ever reached a higher plane

of spiritual and temporal prosperity than during these years of Mr. Tracy's pastorate.

Mr. Tracy resigned the pastoral care of the church, Jan. 1, 1836, and was duly dismissed as pastor by the vote of the church, Jan. 29th, and soon after entered into the same relation with the church in Newport.

The Third Pastorate.

Rev. Reuben Sawyer was called to be the successor of Mr. Tracy. He came from West Haven, Vt., in which place he had been pastor of the Baptist church since his ordination in 1824. He was received as a member of the church, and the right hand of fellowship was given to him as pastor by Joseph Colby, Esq.,—July 3d, 1836. He was not formally installed, as his predecessors had been, nor has there been a formal installation service since. *Query*—Would it not have been well to perpetuate the usage of the fathers in this matter?

Mr. Sawyer was a native of Moncton, Vt. He was the son of a minister, Rev. Isaac Sawyer, and belonged to a family of ministers.

He was educated at the Hamilton Theological Seminary. When he came to the pastorate of this church he was in the very flower of his manhood, and to this church he gave 8 years of vigorous work.

Mr. Sawyer's first work, however, was not that of a harvester, but of a cultivator, a planter, a pruner. The discipline of the church was vigorously taken up, the stronger doctrines of grace were preached with great earnestness and power. Mr. Sawyer proclaimed both "the goodness and the severity of God." There was no sentimentalism either in himself or in his sermons. He saw truth in its sharp angles, and sometimes he presented it so. It therefore cut. In due time the work told. The strong truth got strong hold on strong men. The sword of the Spirit slew them. At length the blessing came. I find the following entry, without date, on a page of the church records by itself:

"A revival of religion commenced under the preaching of
"Rev. Reuben Sawyer about the beginning of the year 1839,
"and continued through the winter, during which time between
"40 and 50 were baptized by him, and united with the church.

“Another revival commenced in the fall of 1842, and continued through the winter, in which about 50 were baptized by Bro. Sawyer, and united with the church.”

Among those baptized into the fellowship of the church by Mr. Sawyer during these seasons of precious soul harvesting, I find the names of the following: Gen. Anthony Colby and wife, Daniel E. Colby, Susan F. Colby (now Mrs. James B. Colgate, of New York), Nahum Greenwood, Martha Greenwood (now Mrs. Daniel F. Colby), Dr. W. H. Hosmer, Benjamin W. Seamans, Wyman Sawyer (son of the pastor, and now Rev. Dr. A. W. Sawyer, President of Acadia College, N. S.)—and many more that might be adduced to prove the truth of my statement just now made, strong truth strongly preached took strong hold on strong men.

During the early part of Mr. Sawyer's pastorate, the old New London academy was established under the special patronage of the Newport Baptist association. Mr. Sawyer was prominent in the founding of the school and in securing its location in this town. As a friend and promoter of education he was a worthy successor of Mr. Tracy.

It was during the latter part of this pastorate that the unhappy and long-continued controversy sprang up in the church in regard to the subject of slavery. A part of the church, including some of its leading men, had come out strongly for the abolition cause. They would have no fellowship, not even that implied in the loose bonds that held together the independent Baptist churches of the North and the South, with slavery or with slave-holders. The times were troublous. The political cauldron had begun to bubble hot with this burning question. The great religious and missionary bodies of the country felt the rumble of the earthquake. The churches all were shaken, some shattered. Happily this did not belong to the latter class, but it was fearfully shaken, and one of the results of the shock was, the pastor was removed out of his place. Not, however, by the formal action of the church; a large majority of whom stood with him, and a large and representative council called by the church, vindicated both the church and its pastor in their stand towards the dissentient members; but as an indirect and loosening cause, the pastor felt that his usefulness was impaired, and that God had a place

for him in another field. Accordingly on the 6th of April, 1844, Mr. Sawyer sent his resignation to the church.

The Fourth Pastorate.

Rev. Mark Carpenter, of Keene, was called to be the successor of Mr. Sawyer, in November, 1844, and immediately entered upon his work here. The times were still troublous, and the air, both politically and religiously, was resonant of the anti-slavery controversy. But the standing of the church had become firmer, and its course of action more settled. The position of the church was conservating anti-slavery: anti-slavery in principle, but non-partisan in regard to the political environments that encompass the moral question. This is always the safe position for the church to take on all such questions.

The dissentient element, however, continued to vex the church, and the records of those years, 1844, '45, '46, '47, '48, are one prolonged burden of lamentation, in the form of letters, protests, resolutions, and the action of the large and representative council whose recommendations finally brought the matter to a close in the exclusion of the troublous elements.

Mr. Carpenter was a most faithful and conscientious pastor, and his work was in a line that, while not fruitful of outward results in the form of revivals and additions to the church, was nevertheless necessary to its health and life. Mr. Carpenter resigned the pastorate, in December, 1848.

These four early pastors, Job Seamans, Oren Tracy, Reuben Sawyer, and Mark Carpenter, whose successive pastorates covered the first sixty years of the church's existence, are all now numbered with "the general assembly and church of the first born whose names are written in heaven." They were all men of strong character, commanding gifts, and deep piety. Being dead, they still live. Their memory is fragrant here, as elsewhere in their several fields of Christian and ministerial labor.

Here we reach a dividing line between the dead and the living. All the pastors previous to 1848 are dead, all since are still living.

It will be fitting to pass more rapidly over the pastorates of the still living, and while the work is brought into view, personal characterization will be more sparingly made.

The Fifth Pastorate.

Rev. Ebenezer Dodge, at the time pastor of the Baptist church in New Hampton, was called to the pastoral care of this church, April 14, 1849. Mr. Dodge came to this field fully equipped for his work by nature, by grace, and by education. He at once commanded the attention, and even the admiration of the whole people, by his earnest and thoughtful utterances and his dignity and simplicity of demeanor. He was the right man in the right place at the right time. The abolition cyclone had passed over, but the ground was strewn with spiritual *débris*. The spiritual temple had been shaken, and not a few of its timbers lay loose in the open field. The work of Mr. Dodge was that of a master in strengthening the things that remained. His calm and gentle manner, his sound and discriminating judgment, his felt and acknowledged weight of character, and his simple and earnest piety, at once put him into the position of a pacificator, a conservator, a reconstructor. It would have been a very hard thing to get up a quarrel with Mr. Dodge, and a harder thing to maintain it. During his pastorate here of five years, he showed himself possessed of those qualities of gracious endowment, under which the kindling fires of opposition die down and die out for lack of fuel.

The church caught in a measure his spirit. It settled down into peace, harmony, charity. It took on new strength and effectiveness. It was not greatly increased in numbers. There was no season of very marked religious interest. But there was a growth from within. Mr. Dodge was everybody's pastor. Everybody loved him. His Sabbath ministrations were strong, healthful, soul-nurturing. The people came to hear the preached word because they were fed by it.

It was during the last year of Mr. Dodge's pastorate that the old New London academy, which had been dead practically, for a number of years, was regenerated, or better, raised again, in the form of the New London Literary and Scientific institution, now bearing the honored name of Colby academy. The old literary and theological institution at New Hampton had been transplanted to the soil of the Green mountains. The Baptist denomination in the state was left without a school of the higher grade. Mr. Dodge, in connection with the late

ex-Gov. Anthony Colby, made immediate efforts to secure the patronage of the denomination in the state for such an institution in this town. They were successful. The beginnings were made, the teachers secured, of whom I had the honor to be one, the school opened, when the same qualifications that fitted the fifth pastor for his work here, specially in connection with the school, recognized elsewhere with appreciation, carried him away to that broader field of Christian ministerial work where he has since wrought so long and so well, as professor and as president in the Madison university at Hamilton, N. Y. The college with its larger claims drew him from the church. The good and witty ex-governor insisted that it was *stealing!* It was only coveting the best gifts!

Mr. Dodge resigned the pastorate of the church in November, 1853.

The Sixth Pastorate.

Henry F. Lane, a member of the Baldwin Place church in Boston, and at the time a student in the Newton Theological institution, was heartily called to be the successor of Mr. Dodge. Accepting the call he was ordained to the work of the ministry and the pastoral care of this flock of Christ, on the 27th of July, 1854.

His pastor, the beloved and revered Dr. Baron Stow, preached the sermon. Many who are here to-day will remember the beauty and impressiveness of that ordination sermon, and of the whole service. "The model pastor," as his biographer, Dr. J. C. Stockbridge, has been pleased to designate him in the memoir of the minister of Baldwin Place, seemed inspired with a special divine afflatus. And was he not? Is not this in accordance with the promise, "Go, preach, I am with you."

Mr. Lane entered at once on his work with the zeal and courage of youth. He found ready coöperation, not only in the church, but in the school. The professors and teachers stood close to him. The students were attracted by the easy flow of his sympathetic words. The devotional meetings of the church on Sunday evenings, and during the week, were held in the old chapel of the academy. These meetings were quite often led by the principal, or by one of the professors. The

result was, a blending of interest, a coalescing of spirit, and a coöperation in Christian work between the church and the school, which, to some of us at least, seems very desirable for the interests of both.

The first year of Mr. Lane's pastorate was marked by a good degree of religious interest, and a quiet work of grace was experienced, quite largely in the school, in which over twenty were baptized into the fellowship of the church, the larger part of whom were students either resident in town, or from abroad. How distinctly and how tenderly I remember those prayer meetings, and those inquiry meetings, in the old mathematical recitation room. The very floor is yet sacred with the spiritual imprint of the knees that knelt upon it!

Thus it continued through the sixth pastorate, which lasted, however, only three years. Mr. Lane resigned the care of the church in January, 1857, to assume the pastorate of the church in Dorchester, Mass., now the flourishing Stoughton-street church of Boston.

The Seventh Pastorate.

On the 14th of the June following, 1857, Rev. Lucien Hayden, of Saxton's River, Vt., succeeded to the work of Mr. Lane. Mr. Hayden was in the prime of his maturity and the ripened strength of his ministerial life. He had seen large and gratifying success in his work in Vermont. He now had important work to do in New Hampshire. He came to it in the fulness of the blessing of the Gospel. The time was a time of the right hand of God, the country over, the world over. The first year of Mr. Hayden's pastorate, 1857-'58, was the occasion of the great prayer revival in almost every city and town and neighborhood. Prayer alone seemed to be the means appointed for carrying on the work. Daily prayer meetings were held at noon in all the cities and large places, not only in the churches, but in halls and stores and other places of business. The whole atmosphere seemed surcharged with the breath of prayer. It was so easy to institute and carry on a daily prayer meeting! The voice of prayer was everywhere one accordant melody. Sometimes prayer crowded out secular work, study, amusement, everything. Shall I ever forget that memorable morning, in 1858, in the old classical recitation-

room, in the senior class in Latin of over twenty members, most of whom were already Christians, when such a divine presence overshadowed us that we were constrained to stop the recitation and spend the better part of the hour in prayer for the unsaved members of the class and of the school!

Prayer meetings were held in the church during the day two or three times a week, and in the school houses of the different districts in the evenings. The work of God was quiet, deep, thorough. There was no extra preaching. There was no unhealthy excitement. There were no crowds of inquirers and young converts, in which many are often caught up and borne along without any genuine work of grace in their own hearts.

The succeeding years of Dr. Hayden's pastorate (he was honored with the Doctorate of Divinity while he was with us) were marked by harmony, steadiness, and unusual evenness of accession to the membership of the church. If I have examined the records correctly, as I have carefully, seventy-five were received to the church by baptism and quite large numbers by letter, during this pastorate.

The health of Dr. Hayden had not been firm. He suffered specially with a throat trouble that affected his voice. The climate here, especially during the winter, was too severe for him. His wife also, whom he married here, the estimable first lady principal of the institution, Mary Jane Prescott, was suffering from a weakness of the lungs which could no longer endure the vigor of these winters. Accordingly in November, 1868, Dr. Hayden resigned the pastorate, and sought a residence in the milder climate of Indianapolis, in active connection with the flourishing young ladies' institute of that city.

The Eighth Pastorate.

The eighth pastor of the church was Rev. F. D. Blake, recently pastor of the church in the city of Gardiner, Maine. He began his work, March 14th, 1869, and continued four years, till March, 1873. There was no marked work of grace in the church during Mr. Blake's pastorate, but twenty-four were added by baptism during these four years, about one-half of whom were students in the academy.

Just here it is proper to note the large number of letters of

dismissal granted to other churches, in consequence of the return of students to their homes, or their removal to other schools and colleges. This is a marked feature in the church statistics from the time the school was established here. It follows therefore that the increase of *permanent* members during all the later pastorates, has not been proportional to the number of accessions. But it is a cause of gratitude and thanksgiving, that this church has been privileged during the last thirty-five years to be a feeder in this way of other churches, and so has helped to gather for Christ and assimilate with our denomination, a large number of young men and women, who otherwise might never have been gathered at all, or if gathered would have been in other denominational folds. As an illustration of this point may I be allowed to remark, that of the ten students from the academy baptized by me the first Sunday in June last, seven of them were from families in no way connected with any Baptist church. Thus the school, as a kind of handmaid of the church, becomes, in an entirely uncontroversial and unsectarian way, and with a most catholic spirit towards other denominations of Christians, a conservator and a propagator of denominational faith and life.

The Ninth Pastorate.

This has so recently closed that it has hardly become historic. But, as being the longest in the history of the church with the exception of the first, as well as on account of the distinguishing blessing of God in the accession of very large numbers to the fellowship of the church, and the enlisting of many earnest and active young hearts and hands in the church's home-work, in order to obtain anything like an accurate survey of what has been accomplished in the hundred years, we must note the later as well as the earlier movements, at the risk of telling what everybody already knows.

Rev. S. C. Fletcher was called to succeed Mr. Blake in the pastorate, June 29th, 1873. He came in the maturity and strength of his early manhood. He found a field equal to his zeal and courage. God immediately smiled upon his work. The church became quickened in its activities and entered earnestly into the work of saving souls. The field was white for the soul harvest. There had been no great and wide-sweeping

revival for a number of years. Children had grown up to be young men and young women, and had not been brought savingly to Christ. The pastor was called of God to put in a sharp sickle and reap the nodding grain. Other sickles came to his help. The grain was gathered by armfuls. In 1877, Mr. Fletcher received large numbers into the church, forty-two being baptized in the month of June. The work of grace was deep and pervasive. All ages became subjects of it, children, youth, men and women in mature life, some of whom had withstood the strivings of the Spirit for a great many years. It was one of the few great ingatherings in the history of the church.

Again in 1885, it is fresh in most of your minds, the mighty arm was made bare in the salvation of very many precious souls. The scenes of 1877 were repeated, with even greater measure of blessing. In the one month of June, seventy-two baptisms are recorded, the largest number evidently in any one month of the church history. The nodding harvest was largely reaped; young men, young women, mature men and women, old men, young children, all ages alike were gathered as sheaves into the garner of God!

I must forbear to characterize the work so recent any further. But I must be allowed to say, blessed are the pastoral hands that are permitted to gather and feed so many of Christ's lambs; and blessed is the flock that has such a pastor to gather and feed them!

Mr. Fletcher filled up fourteen full years with his earnest, indefatigable pastoral work, and in November last laid down that work at the feet of the Great Shepherd. During his pastorate two hundred and eighteen were baptized into the fellowship of the church, besides many added by letter, so that at the time of his resignation, the church had reached its then greatest number of members, three hundred and forty-nine. The statistics of the last year are as follows: received by baptism, seventeen; by letter, four; dismissed by letter, four; died, five.

Thus through the grace of God the "Christian church in New London, holding to believers' baptism," rounds out its full centenary to-day with the largest membership ever recorded during the one hundred years, three hundred and fifty-seven.

“ Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

“ Praise Him all creatures here below ;

“ Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,

“ Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”

I have thus sketched the life and progress of the church along the lines of its pastoral succession. All these pastors, except the first, it has been my privilege and pleasure to know personally ; not all equally well, and the earlier, of course, only as a young man knows one venerable with years. But I distinctly remember the look and mien, the presence of them all, and it is a personal tribute of respect and high esteem and love unfeigned, that I wish to lay alike on the graves of the dead, and at the feet of the living. It remains only to note a few other items of special interest, and to draw a lesson or two from the past, for the benefit of the future.

Deacons.

The church has been equally favored of God in the character and service of the diaconate as of the pastorate. As already seen, there have been nine pastors, or if Mr. Davis be included, ten. There have been also, nine protracted diaconates, and including that of Matthew Harvey, Esq., of about four years, ten. These diaconates stand as follows :

Ebenezer Hunting, chosen January 8th, 1798, served till death, February 8th, 1821, thirty-three years ; Matthew Harvey, chosen July 5th, 1793, resigned April 5th, 1797, three years, nine months ; Zebedee Hayes, chosen July 5th, 1793, eighteen years, reappointed February 19th, 1819, served till death, November 10th, 1832, thirty-one years in all ; Jonas Shepard, chosen April 3d, 1812, served thirteen years ; Peter Sargent, chosen April 3d, 1812, served thirteen years ; David Everett, chosen June 16th, 1825, served twenty-four years ; Dexter Everett, chosen June 16th, 1825, served twenty-four years ; Joseph C. Herrick, Micajah Morgan, chosen April 21st, 1849, still serving in their fortieth year ; Edwin Messer, chosen December 3d, 1882.*

* Since the centennial celebration, the church has relieved the two senior deacons, at their own request, of their active duties of their office, but retaining them as honorary officers, also making choice of Charles W. Gay as deacon.



DEA. JOSEPH C. HERRICK.



DEACON MICAJAH MORGAN.

It is a remarkable coincidence worthy of special note, that the two present senior deacons of the church, Joseph C. Her-
rick and Micajah Morgan, were both converted to Christ in the
same great revival in 1842; both baptized at the same time by
Mr. Sawyer, both chosen to the office at the same time, and
both still in active service in the fortieth year of their diaconate.

Ministers not Pastors.

The following ministers of the gospel, not pastors of the
church, have received ordination from the church, or gone out
to other churches from this:

Enoch Hunting, ordained March 15, 1814.

Theophilus B. Adams, ordained May 29, 1821.

Joshua Clement, ordained elsewhere about 1834.

Francis A. Gates, licensed April 8, 1836.

George W. Gardner, ordained August, 1858.

Dura P. Morgan, ordained at Jamaica Plain, Mass., 1872.

Missionary and Benevolent Work.

Before there was any general Foreign Mission or Home
Mission society in the country, as early as 1804 I find a printed
document in the archives of the church containing the consti-
tution of a Missionary society in connection with the Wood-
stock association, of which several members of this church had
become members, including the pastor, Elder Seamans, by the
payment of one dollar a year. In 1814, the Woman's Foreign
Missionary society was formed, a special sketch of which has
been prepared, and will be read by another.* In 1825, this
church was represented with others in the formation of the
New Hampshire Baptist State convention, and in 1826, I find
the following record of missionary interest:

“Jan. 1826.—*Voted*, To have a collection for domestic and
“foreign missionary purposes. Amount of collection, \$9.25—
“as follows:

“From a friend, \$3 for the mission at Burma; from Joseph
“Messer, .95 for the mission at the Carey station—.50 to be
“appropriated for education: \$4.80 for domestic missionary
“purposes as the Convention shall think proper”

*[See “The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society,” by Mrs. N. T. Greenwood,
printed immediately after this address.]

This is the first registered springhead of the stream of organized church missionary beneficence, which has since flowed without interruption into the various channels of our denominational missionary work. The contributions of the Woman's Missionary society, however, antedate this action by at least twelve years, and the contributions of private members through the Associational society, for domestic purposes, by more than twenty years.

As a church we have always been interested in the general and organized work of the denomination for the spread of the gospel and the salvation of souls "in the regions beyond." While we have not been represented on the foreign field by any ordained minister from our own number, we remember with gratitude the work of the now sainted Rev. C. H. Carpenter, son of one of the pastors of this church, in Burma, and later in Japan, and of his wife, Mrs. Harriet Rice Carpenter, one of the able lady principals of the institution, who is now holding up the banner of the cross as it fell from the hand of her dying husband. Also the names of the devoted women who have gone out from the institution, some of whom had held membership with us. Miss Maria C. Manning, and Miss Clara Bromley, whose early deaths we were called to deplore, and Miss Melissa Aldrich, who is now on her way to her chosen work among the hills of Arakan.

Education.

It need hardly be said that this church has been deeply interested from the first in the work of higher literary and theological education. It was among the earliest friends and supporters of the old New Hampton Literary and Theological institution, and it has become what might be called the residuary legatee of its patronage and goodwill, in the shape of the Colby academy whose stately and castle-like edifice now crowns this hill. This church gave not only money to that older institution at New Hampton, but one of her own members, Miss Susan F. Colby, now Mrs. James B. Colgate of New York, to be one of the ablest and most popular lady principals of the celebrated New Hampton Ladies' seminary.

What and how much have been done by members of this church for the school now located here is already a matter of

history. It is doubtful if the school in the days of its infancy would have survived, had it not found a foster mother in this church. The relations between the school and the church have always been close, cordial, and co-operative. So may they always be; the closer, the more cordial, the more fully co-operative, the better, the more successful, the more pleasing to God.*

Then and Now.

I may be allowed in closing this address to hold up before you the THEN and the NOW—October 23d, 1788, and October 23d, 1888. Then, the nation was in its infancy, born of the throes of the protracted and exhausting war of the Revolution. Then the state was a little community of farmers and mechanics, with a few professional men. Then the town was a mere settlement, with its few families scattered among the clearings in the primeval forest. A few log cabins, with fewer small frame houses, formed the homes of those sturdy early settlers with their frugal and industrious wives, and their healthy and robust children. A store, a mill, a blacksmith's shop, a school-house or two, these completed the architectural equipments of the settlement. The town was then called "Heidelberg." Then there was not a railroad for the land, nor a steamboat for the ocean the world over. Not a newspaper in the country, not a telegraph line, and mails by postman, few and far between. Not a cotton mill, not a power loom, not a steam printing press, not a sewing machine, not a mowing machine, —very little machinery of any kind—hard-handed work, and a good deal of it, this was the portion of the fathers. But there was manhood and womanhood; there was virtue, integrity, honesty, moral purpose, piety,—in a word there was *character*. That is the crown of human life—high, honorable, Christly, God-like character—that was fostered, nurtured, developed, by

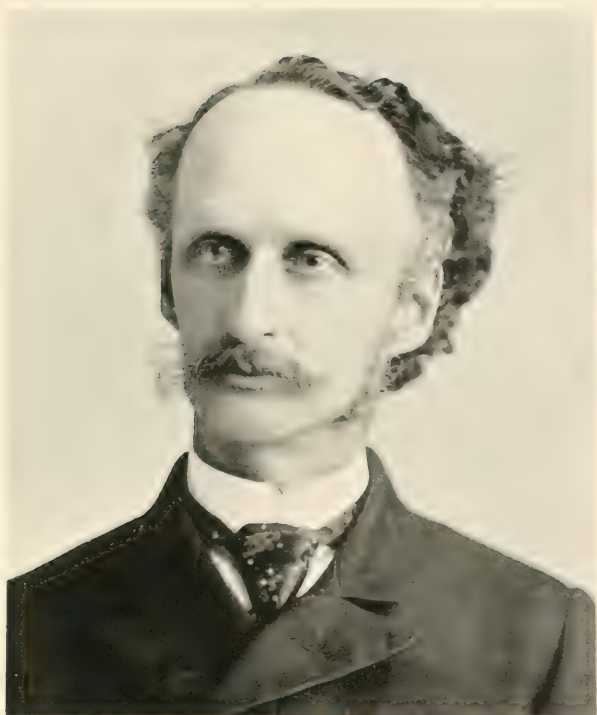
* In this connection it would not be just not to mention one name—*nomen clarissimum*—that which the institution on this Hill now bears—Colby! To the large and generous contributions of the late ex-Gov. Anthony Colby in its earlier days, supplemented by the munificent gifts of members of his family in later years, it is not too much to say that COLBY ACADEMY owes the continuance of its life till the present, and the prospect of its work and usefulness in the years to come.

Among the larger benefactors of the school, as connected with the church, should be recorded also the names of the late George W. Herrick, Dea. Joseph C. Herrick, and Nahum T. Greenwood.

the stern severities of the environment of these our fathers in the state and in the church.

One hundred years ago to-day ! A century of the most marvellous discoveries and inventions and progresses in the world's history !

Now a great and powerful nation ;—a strong and enterprising and prosperous state ; a town—not grown to be a city, to be sure,—but thrifty, industrious, intelligent, in many respects cultured, with its happy and beautiful homes, its still-fertile farms, its celebrated institution of learning, and its one venerable and prosperous church celebrating now its hundredth birthday. And it is matter of profound thanksgiving to God, and of congratulation on the part of all the friends of Christ and of man, that to-day, when so many of the old churches in the hill towns and rural districts of our state are pining and sickening and dying from the malaria of skepticism in the community, and the lack of new and young blood, or are rent with religious feuds, and made weak and ineffective by the zeal of hot sectarians in the establishment of rival churches,—an unholy and withering rivalry,—that this church, through the blessing of its Great Head, the wise and cautious judgment of its early founders and pastors, as well as the enterprise and devotion of a long line of earnest and conservative men and women—the Sargents, the Everetts, the Colbys, the Herricks, the Burpees, the Morgans, the Greeleys, the Shepards, the Greenwoods, the Messers, the Phillippes, the Todds, and many other honored names among the dead and living,—this “ Christian Church in New London—holding to believers’ baptism ”—occupies a place in numbers and every element of material and spiritual prosperity never surpassed relatively in the community and the town. Of the 50 families, or thereabouts, living on the main road from the Sutton line to the Springfield line, running over this hill and including this street, about four fifths, or 40 out of the 50, are represented in this church, with a few in churches elsewhere, by husband or wife, or in a majority of cases by both. In the village of Scytheville, by careful estimate, it is found that, of the 48 families which go to make up the village, there are 45 husbands and wives, counted together, who are professing Christians, and 32 of them members of this church,—with a membership in the village of 46 in all. A like estimate would



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make a still more remarkable showing, of the grace of God in the Pleasant street district, where nearly every house is represented in the church by father and mother, and sons and daughters! About the same could be said of the Low Plain district,—to the glory of God and His abounding grace. The westerly part of the town is not so largely represented, though many families are families of prayer, and many of the people are devout and earnest Christians and supporters of the church. Taken for all in all, notwithstanding a very large non-resident membership, on account of the removal of students and others, it may be questioned if ever, since the remarkable showing of 1809—when 37 out of the whole 50 families in town were represented in the church by both husband and wife,—has there been a time when the Christian families numbered relatively more, and the percentage of professed Christians in the whole population was relatively higher. This is not a cause of boasting but of grateful acknowledgment and of thanksgiving to God!

But the whole community is not saved. There are still lost ones in New London;—blind eyes, in the blazing light,—deaf ears, under the music of the gospel! This old church has but just begun its work;—its harvest-field is but half reaped. Who shall reap the rest?

“ If you cannot in the harvest
“ Gather up the richest sheaf,
“ Many a grain both ripe and golden
“ Will the careless reapers leave.
“ Go and glean among the briers,
“ Growing rank against the wall,
“ For it may be that the shadow
“ Hides the heaviest wheat of all.”

[On November 1 following the centennial celebration, Rev. Dr. Gardner closed his acting pastorate of six months, and accepted the call of the new Beth Eden Baptist church in the city of Waltham, Mass. Soon after the church here gave a call to Rev. W. A. Farren of North Billerica, Mass., to serve as its tenth pastor. Mr. Farren accepted the call, and in the ten years that he has labored with this people has been privileged to gather rich harvests of souls. He is an earnest, faithful

pastor, and a scholarly man, whose sermons bear the stamp of the profound student and thinker, with a keen intellectual grasp of the vital questions of the day, and a tender, sympathetic grace that is like balm to sorrowing hearts. Favored, indeed, from first to last, has this church been in the brave and true men who have ministered to her children.—AUTHOR.]

THE WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

BY MRS. N. T. GREENWOOD.*

The mission interest is so closely interwoven with the history of this church, that in giving an account of one we must necessarily draw many conclusions in regard to the other; and when we consider the amount of work done for missions we may conclude that our present prosperity is largely owing to our benevolence in former years, proving the wisdom of Solomon when he said, "There is that scattereth and yet increaseth."

In the effort some years since to ascertain the earliest date of our woman's work in New London, it was found that the oldest records were lost or destroyed; but a book of later date was found, with the constitution and a long list of the names of members, bearing the date of September 7, 1831. The names of Everett, Colby, Seamans, Greeley, Messer, Greenwood, Nichols, Burpee, Clement, Woodward, Gates, Putney, Pillsbury, Gay, Herrick, Sargent, Whittier, Vinton, Fales, Bunker, Brown, and many others, were written therein.

In the course of the investigation it was ascertained that Miss Betsey Perley, returning here from Massachusetts, brought the account of the formation of women's foreign missionary societies, called "cent societies." Any woman, by the payment of one cent per week or fifty cents per year, could become a member. A society was formed in 1814. The president, with other officers, was chosen annually, with the addition of four collectors. The first president whose name is given in the later book was Mrs. Abigail Nichols, of Sutton, but a member of this church,—a woman remarkable for her piety and sweet Christian character, who served faithfully for the term of twenty years, from 1831 to 1851. Mrs. Martha Greenwood was appointed

*Read at the Church Centennial, p. 556.

secretary, serving three years, when Miss Susan Greeley was chosen, who served five years, during which time she became Mrs. Walter P. Flanders. Her record is a wonder of neatness and elegant penmanship. In September, 1833, she writes of the visit of Rev. Mr. Sutton and wife, returned missionaries. We well remember the exhibition of idols given by them in the old schoolhouse.

In August, 1838, Mrs. John Bunker was chosen secretary, and we quote from her report as follows :

“ In reviewing the former records of this society, it is found
“ to have been in operation nearly twenty-four years, and
“ within that time has paid into the treasury of the Lord between
“ four and five hundred dollars. However feeble and inefficient
“ we may feel our labors and contributions to have been, still
“ we may cherish the hope that from this society some messenger of mercy has visited the abodes of the destitute, bearing
“ the glad news of ‘ Peace on earth, good will to men,’ and
“ proclaiming a Saviour for ruined souls.”

At this time it would seem that the meetings did not occur regularly, but the annual meeting was fully attended, and was quite frequently opened with prayer by the pastor.

In 1844 it was voted in the society to subscribe for *The Macedonian*, a paper devoted to missionary intelligence. The same year Mrs. Eliza A. Colby was made secretary, who carefully performed her duties until the new society was formed,—a period of twelve years,—when Mrs. Mary Morgan succeeded. In May, 1846, the society united with the brethren of the church in raising \$100 to make the Rev. Mark Carpenter a life member of the new organization called the American Baptist Missionary Union. In 1851 a Young Ladies’ Literary and Missionary Society was formed, and united with this society in sending a box of clothing to the “ Grande Ligne Mission School ” in Canada.

Mrs. Dodge, whose husband succeeded Mr. Carpenter, was made president in place of Mrs. Nichols, deceased, serving one year, when on account of illness she was obliged to resign the position. Mrs. Addison succeeded, serving one year. From 1853 till 1859, Mrs. Stephen Sargent occupied the position. Mrs. Hayden was then elected, serving as faithfully until 1869. Mrs. Perley Burpee followed, serving one year.

In 1870 came a new order of things, and the Female Missionary Society was declared ended, a collection being taken quarterly by the male and female members of the church, the sisters still sending their boxes of clothing annually to different objects. In 1874, three years after the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society was established in Boston, an auxiliary was formed here on the new plan of two cents a week or one dollar a year, which has continued until the present date. Mrs. Augusta B. Knight was chosen president, continuing in very acceptable service until her resignation in 1883, when Mrs. Fletcher was appointed, who served only one year, resigning then on account of her health in favor of Mrs. Micajah Morgan, who has served with fidelity until the past summer. In September last Mrs. Sarah Henry was elected, with Mrs. Martha E. Colby, treasurer, and Mrs. Susan C. Lovering, secretary,—the last of a long line of faithful Christian workers.

During this time the home mission work has not been neglected. Nearly every year, for many years, boxes of clothing have been sent in different directions. The first box of which we have any record was sent to Mrs. Jones, missionary to Siam, who was formerly a teacher at New Hampton. In 1847 a box was sent to Oregon, which was not heard from until 1852, when grateful thanks were received from the recipients. During the war boxes were sent to the Soldiers' Aid Society, to Beaufort, also to the freedmen; eight boxes to the Grande Ligne Mission in Canada, and thirty boxes in all to the Publication Society in Philadelphia for the colporteurs in the West. In return, from each have been sent letters full of expressions of gratitude for the timely gifts, some telling of such privations and self-denial as should make us earnest in our efforts to assist and encourage such faithful laborers for Christ.

In 1877, our sister, Clara Bromley, a member of the school and of our church, went from us as missionary to Prome, Burma, to teach in the school conducted by the Rev. E. O. Stevens. In June, 1880, an attack of pneumonia weakened her, and in September she was obliged to return to this country. The following summer she visited us, and our hearts were saddened by her changed appearance. Her own disappointment was great that she must leave the work she loved so well to others. Her death occurred in August, 1881. In 1883, the

youngladies of the town formed a missionary society, taking the name, in her memory, of "The Clara Bromley Mission Band"; and we trust that her mantle has indeed fallen upon the members of this society, and that their faithful, earnest efforts may be blest in the years to come as in the years that are past.

This year we can record the fact that another one from our church and school has sailed for the foreign field—Miss Aldrich—to whom we trust the Lord will give a long life of service in His cause. This society, in the five years since its formation, has paid into the treasury of the Lord, for home and foreign missions, the sum of \$421.68. The amount paid by the Woman's Society for home and foreign missions since 1814 is \$5,599.30, and the Scytheville Mission Circle, formed five years ago, has raised \$95. Among the conscientious workers in this society we cannot refrain from expressing our tribute of appreciation and gratitude towards Mrs. Eliza A. Colby, who so long and faithfully gave freely of her time and money to this work, feeling that both were the Lord's and that she must give an account of her stewardship. May her memory in this church and society long be a blessing and may our members emulate her example!

We cannot close this sketch of woman's mission work in New London, without grateful mention of our sisters of other denominations who have cast in their lot with us, and who have so kindly helped and encouraged us, in the past years, not only by their presence at our meetings, but who have aided us by their counsels and generous contributions of money as well as by the work of their hands. We trust that future years will see no abatement of interest in this branch of Christian work, and that we may be willing to do our duty towards the unsaved in every land as were our sisters who have gone on before us. Let it not be a disagreeable duty, but may we realize more fully, as the years go on, the beauty of lending to the Lord, the privilege it is to share with others what the Lord has given to us:

"For we must share, if we would keep

"A blessing from above;

"Ceasing to give, we cease to have,

"Such is the law of love."

REMINISCENCES OF THE CHOIR.

PREPARED BY SEVERAL HANDS.*

It was only quite lately that it was decided to present such a paper as this, and no one was ready to attempt its preparation alone; but rather than that so important an item should be entirely left out of the programme, an effort was made by several persons, members of the choir and others, to collect what facts could, at this late date, be obtained; and we ask you kindly to excuse the crude manner in which these recollections are presented for your consideration.

There is no year since 1832 that we do not remember the New London choir. The sound even now is fresh in our memories, as we children sat in the old meeting-house of a Sunday noon, listening to the droning of a few bass voices, accompanied by the bass-viol, in the gallery out of our sight, and the words of the old anthem, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come," sung as a preparation for some possible public performance—this seeming to be the time for weekly practice. We also remember the old square pews, and the slamming of seats all over the house, when they were let down after being raised during the prayer; and we children sometimes thought the minister said "Slam-bang" instead of "Amen."

But these recollections are of comparatively recent date. Tradition tells of the time when the deacons led the singing, one reading two lines of the hymn and the other singing the same, with those of the congregation who knew the music. The first leader of the singers, when they were seated apart in the gallery, is supposed to have been Nathan Herrick, and later Nathaniel Fales, of whom it is said by his relations that his love for the divine art was so great that he sung a good farm away. Later, his son, known by the name of "Uncle Sam," was distinguished for his love of music. Owing to a scarcity of printed singing books, nearly all the music was learned by rote, and curious sense was sometimes made of the words. "Full royally He rode" was sung by one of the best singers in this way: "Full royal He ah—rode." The metre

*Read by Mrs. Frank W. Pike at the church centennial, p. 556.

was all right—no matter about the sense. Another account is related, where the words “On slippery rocks I see them stand,” were sung “On slippery rocks I sees ’em stand,”—but in each instance the music was correct.

There were in the choir at this time persons by the name of Fales, Everett, Sargent, Woodbury, Herrick, Greenwood, and Ayer. Mr. Asa Burpee and all his children were members: Rebecca, Delia, Azubah, Apphia, Dolly, Thomas, Perley, and Abial were more or less constant in attendance on divine service, the daughters singing the old-fashioned high-counter or the treble with equal facility. Captain Sargent was the next chorister, and with the strong voices mingled the deep, full tones of his bass-viol. Jonathan Everett was his successor, and, in this as in everything else, wielded his tuning-fork with a strong hand and upheld his choir with a sonorous voice. The bass-viol continued to sound the key-note long after the advent into the new or present house of worship, which was dedicated in 1827. Mr. Barrett, a singing-school teacher, trained a choir for this wonderful occasion. A programme of the exercises has been preserved, and kindly loaned to us. It has been reproduced in *fac simile*, and is given at the end of these “Reminiscences.”*

We come now to a later period, when an orchestra was established,—not the bass-viol alone to pitch the tunes and lead off, but when the famous Alonzo Bond came to form the New London Brass Band, and it was found that the instrument known as the ophicleide would drown any discrepancies which might occur among the voices, it was considered quite proper that Mr. Henry Gates should take it into the singing-seats as a companion to Mr. Marcus Sargent on the bass-viol. Mr. James Greenwood assisted the treble with his flute, and his brother supported the alto with his violin. William Hayes also played the first violin. Other performers assisted from time to time—Mr. B. O. Swain of Gloucester, Mass., and Mr. Caleb P. Smith, a merchant in town, the former with his flute, the latter with his clarionette. Mr. Robert Colby also played the trombone, and Joseph Messer the flute. The names of the singers at this time were Hayes, Clement, Herrick, Gates, Seamans, Phillips, Sargent, Burpee, Everett, McCutchins,

* The programme appears in this volume opp. p. 294.

Mills, Gould, Pillsbury, and Morrill. Miss Louisa Gould left us later to sing in a church in Concord, for a salary. George Hayes was the leader for a little time, followed by Dr. Hosmer, and he in turn by our present leader, Mr. Anthony C. Burpee.

About the year 1845, it was suggested by Miss Gould that the ladies would sing much better without their bonnets; and as it would hardly be proper to attend church with uncovered heads, a compromise was effected, and small caps were substituted for the bonnets. Not the jaunty, light cap on the top of the head, but good substantial ones of lace, covering the ears and tied down under the chin. This fashion, we are happy to state, prevailed only one year.

In 1837, Mr. Richard H. Messer, our townsman, presented to the choir a fine large seraphine. The different players on this instrument were Miss S. A. Burpee, Miss Miranda Guild, Mr. Robert Messenger,—a gentleman from New York who spent his summers here—Miss Emily Adams, music teacher in the school, Mr. Lucien Hayden, and Miss Angie White.

Among the many excellent singers at this time we remember with especial pleasure the fine contralto of Mrs. J. E. Phillips and the pure, rich soprano of Mrs. R. O. Messer, who gave us duets of remarkable sweetness and power. Later, in 1865, the seraphine was supplanted by the pipe organ, which was presented to the church for the benefit of the choir, by Mr. James B. Colgate of New York and Mr. R. H. Messer of New London. Miss Angie White (music teacher in the school, and afterwards Mrs. Charles A. Everett) became the organist. The unusual excellence of the singing in the following years was largely owing to her fine musical ability and superior qualifications for the position, as well as the uncommon talent of the choir. In the spring of 1872, under her direction, the choir rehearsed the music for, and attended, the "Peace Jubilee" in Boston, and received much commendation for their execution of this really difficult music.

During these years the members were as follows: The bass, led by Charles A. Everett, assisted by Messrs. Todd and Brown; tenors, A. C. Burpee, N. T. and J. C. Greenwood; sopranos, Mrs. R. O. Messer, Miss Libbie McCutchins, Miss M. E. Clement, Miss Fannie Gates, and Miss S. A. Burpee;

altos, Mrs. E. A. Jones, Miss Belle Gates, Mrs. Harriet Everett, Mrs. Marshall Fales, Mrs. N. T. Greenwood, and Miss Lillie Sargent. A little later Miss Isa Messer, Miss Genevieve Greenwood, Miss Ella Messer, and the Misses Bickford joined the ranks. We have often received valuable assistance from members of the school,—among them Miss Annie Westgate, Miss Hattie Graves, Miss Lizzie Hodge, Miss Gillette, and Miss Mary Chase; Messrs. Child, Pulsifer, Collins, Abbott, Alexander, Baker, and Folsom; and later, Miss Laura Ray, Miss Kate Goings, and Miss Rowena Russell. After more than twenty years of arduous service Mrs. Everett resigned her position to find a home in Rhode Island. Miss Emeline Fletcher of New London, and Miss Isabel Bronson of the school succeeded her for two years, when we were fortunate in securing the services of one of our own daughters, Mrs. Fannie Gates Keil, who so ably fills the position.

This brings us to our present choir, whose names still call to mind those of ancient days, with some new ones who worthily fill the places of those who have retired. For bass, Messrs. Farwell, Greenwood, and Crockett; tenors, Messrs. Greenwood, Burpee, and Farwell; sopranos, Mrs. Crockett, Mrs. Pike, Mrs. Burpee, Misses Prescott, Sargent, Shepard, and Clough,—with occasional helps from Miss Lottie Messer, Miss Alice Greenwood, and Miss Eliza Burpee; altos, Miss Mary Burpee, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. N. T. and Mrs. Harry Greenwood. Misses Mary and Eliza Burpee, with Alice and Robert Greenwood, represent the fourth generation of Burpees who have sung in the choir.

After this imperfect sketch, our teachers deserve a passing thought. Of Mr. Barrett, the first one, we know but little. Mr. Crane of Newport taught a few evenings, when, in one of his journeys to this place, attempting to cross the lake his horse was drowned, and he became discouraged and gave up the attempt. George Hayes, with Deacon Nichols of Sutton, followed him. Mr. Bingham of Claremont came next, and stirred up the singers wonderfully, astonishing all by his rendering of the song called "The Maniac," accompanying himself on the bass-viol in a truly crazy manner. He was followed by Prof. George Wood of Concord, a man of fine taste, who taught us the "crescendo" and "diminuendo," the "pianis-

simo" and "fortissimo," the lights and shades of music, of which there was much need; also to give the true expression to the words,—to sing with feeling. Albert Hodgdon and Mr. Willard followed, with others, in their turn, of whom we will not speak.

In the course of the last thirty years the choir, in addition to the weekly practice for Sunday service, and attendance at funerals, has practised for many concerts, and for public gatherings of different kinds, has bought new music for Memorial Days, and has cheerfully dropped all work for rehearsing. In many instances every other organization but the choir would receive thanks for their attendance.

During these years we remember the anxieties, the fears, and frequent shocks we have sustained—anxieties lest we should fail in the performance of some difficult tune or voluntary, and the shock caused by some blunder which would nearly throw us all off the track, and the consequent disgust, when we were seated after the performance, as we caught the sympathetic glances of our fellow-sufferers. We also remember the amusement we have felt when the pastor has read six verses of a hymn, and asked us to omit four, and the startling sensation which came over us when the pastor made a mistake, giving us a different hymn from the one for which we had arranged. These sensations have so possessed us that many are the texts which have never reached our inner consciousness, and the sermon would be well under way before we were aware of it. There have been times when everything has gone well; when there has been real enjoyment in the performance of some of the glorious anthems, also in rendering some of the hymns; when we have felt the inspiration both of the words and the music, and have had courage to attempt greater things.

There has been much said of the manner in which choirs in general conduct themselves during the service, when not engaged in singing. Most certainly it does not apply to this one.

In outward appearance at least, a due respect for the ordinances of the Lord's house has ever been a characteristic of its behavior since the earliest time; and the later generation fall not behind their elders in this respect. Then, too, it is



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often said the pastor must submit to inappropriate music ; but in this case we can safely say it is not so, for who can tell how closely our leader has studied, searching book after book for the proper voluntary.

Other choirs have differences and difficulties, with occasional breaks, when new singers must be found. History is silent in regard to any such event in this choir. On one occasion the question was asked, "Don't you have any trouble in your choir?" On hearing a reply in the negative, again came the question, with an accent of surprise, "Are they all Christians?"

But some may ask, How does it happen? How can it be possible that year after year, week after week, and Sunday after Sunday, the same set of people can meet and never say unkind things to each other? Does not your leader ever find fault, or scold? No such event has ever occurred in the memory of "the oldest inhabitant."

In this connection too much cannot be said in regard to the patience, the untiring study, faithful, punctual attendance on divine service, sparing no pains, or time, or money in the fulfilment of duty, often giving up necessary business to attend the meetings of the choir and rehearsals, without hope of remuneration, with an eye only to the successful performance of the choir on the Sabbath,—we say too much cannot be said in grateful recognition of the services of him who has for the last forty-five years been our leader—Mr. Anthony C. Burpee.

To him, with a few faithful ones, we are indebted for a continuous choir. No breaks ; no Sundays, however stormy, but that singing could be depended on if the pastor were there. Under his direction many sweet voices have filled the house with richest melody of love divine.

During these years many have passed to the other side, and have joined the heavenly choir ; and when we, too, whose hearts have so often thrilled with the music of this world, have passed on, may each one be present, and join in the songs of the redeemed in that upper and better kingdom, "where there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things have passed away."

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL.

READ AT THE CHURCH CENTENARY.

There are no early records of the Sunday-school kept by themselves, nor have any references been found to it, direct or incidental, in the records of the church. The exact date of the formation of such a school cannot be ascertained, but there are members of the church still living who remember the event, though not the year. It was formed while the church worshipped regularly in the old house,—therefore as early as 1827—and, as the oldest members think, not during the active pastorate of Elder Seamans, therefore subsequent to 1823. It is quite likely that this new line of Christian work and worship was introduced at the coming of the young and aggressive second pastor, Rev. Oren Tracy, in 1827 or 1828.

As in all the churches, the Sunday-school had originally little organization, and no machinery. In this respect it was more like a prayer-meeting. It had no officers, except, perhaps, a stated leader, or superintendent, who called the children together during the “intermission” between the forenoon and afternoon services, from twelve to one o’clock, then offered prayer; and the several classes spent about half an hour in repeating Scripture from memory. The lesson usually consisted of a certain number of verses to be learned “by heart”; but very often the bright scholars with retentive memories took a little honest pride in getting more, and sometimes would repeat a whole chapter. This simple style of doing things was not without its advantages. It brought the child into very close relations with the letter of the Divine Word, and fixed at least a few of the headlands of Scripture in the chart of life.

In those early Sunday-schools there were no general exercises, no singing, or very little, no records kept, no contributions taken. There were no “lesson helps,” though quite early catechetical books for the younger classes, and question books for the older, were introduced. The library was also introduced quite early, as an attraction where books were scarce.

The names of the earlier superintendents of this school have passed into oblivion. Since 1855 the office has been filled by Nahum T. Greenwood, Charles A. Everett, Andrew J. Kidder,—for twelve years prior to the centennial—and by Oren D. Crockett from the beginning of 1889.

For many years branch Sunday-schools have been held in connection with the services at Scytheville, and at Otterville, so that in reality the church now sustains three schools the year around in different parts of the town.

FIRST UNION RELIGIOUS SOCIETY.

The First Union Religious Society of Otterville was organized on the 17th day of March, 1874. The record states :

“This is to certify that N. Addison Parker, Thomas S. Davis, and Francis P. Messer, and our associates, have formed ourselves into a religious society, to be known and called by the First Union Religious Society of Otterville, according to law in such cases made and provided.”

Names of members : N. Addison Parker, Thomas S. Davis, Francis P. Messer, John W. Taylor, Amasa S. Abbot, George P. Sholes, Thomas S. Worthen, Jonathan S. George, Phineas Messer, Edmund Davis, Nathaniel Knowlton, Franklin P. Fisher, Jacob Messer, Asa Ray, M. Luther Ray, Sanford K. Fisher, Edwin P. Blood, P. Russell, John M. Messer, Morrison Blood, Solomon Russell, Michael M. Davis, Richard S. Morgan, George Fisher, Reo A. Farwell, William S. Carter, John B. Roby, Fred Farwell, George E. Fifield.

The first officers chosen were, — Amasa S. Abbot moderator, John W. Taylor clerk, N. Addison Parker, George P. Sholes, Francis P. Messer, committee to procure preaching, etc. The first preacher was Sereno Howe, who preached till Jan. 22, 1876. After that date Rev. S. C. Fletcher and students from Colby academy occupied the desk till Feb. 10, 1884. Newton Clough preached until Oct. 18, 1885, then supplies from New London hill till June 27, 1886. Since that time the Rev. John Young, of Sunapee, a venerable and venerated Christian preacher, has occupied the pulpit, with occasional supplies.

JOHN W. TAYLOR, *Clerk and Treasurer.*

[The following historical sketches of the various secret fraternities and local organizations have for the most part been prepared by committees from the several institutions, appointed for that purpose.—AUTHOR.]

KING SOLOMON'S LODGE, No. 14, A. F. & A. M.

At a grand quarterly communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, held at their lodge room in Portsmouth, January 27, A. D. 1802, A. L. 5802, a warrant was issued, upon petition, to Stephen Hoyt, Jr., John Woodman, Levi Harvey, Jr., Jonathan Woodbury, Joseph Harvey, Thomas G. Wells, John King, Moses Hills, Daniel Woodbury, Caleb Loverin, John Hogg, Ezra Marsh, Ebenezer Cressey, Enoch Hoyt, and Richard Cressey, all Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, constituting and appointing them, with such others "as may hereafter join" them, a regular lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title and designation of King Solomon's Lodge, No. 14, thereby giving and granting unto them and their successors full power and authority to convene as Masons, within the town of New London, in the county of Hillsborough, and the state of New Hampshire aforesaid.

The lodge held its first meeting under the charter and completed its organization June 16, 1802, at the hall of "Bros. Daniel and Jonathan Woodbury, in New London" (now O. D. Crockett's), Daniel Woodman, J. W. elect, presiding. At this meeting Daniel Woodbury was elected treasurer, Levi Harvey secretary, Richard Cressey senior deacon, Moses Hills junior deacon, Enoch Hoyt steward, and Joseph Harvey tiler. Five applications for the degrees of Masonry were received and referred, and were subsequently acted upon favorably. All became members of the lodge, and proved to be pillars of strength during the dark days of the anti-Masonic period which followed some years after. They were Greene French of New London, Josiah Morse of Henniker, Charles Colburn of Fishersfield, John Quimby and Samuel Little of Springfield.

At the second meeting, July 21, 1802, the three principal officers, Benjamin Swett, worshipful master, Stephen Hoyt, senior warden, and Daniel Woodman, junior warden, were all present and occupied their respective stations. It was "voted that a committee be chosen to form a code of by-laws," and

accordingly, Levi Harvey, Jr., Moses Hills, Joseph Harvey, Ebenezer Cressey, and Stephen Hoyt were chosen. August 18, only routine business. September 15, the lodge "voted to draw six dollars out of the funds of this lodge to make jewells." Also "Voted that the secretary of this lodge give notice to the "grand secretary that the officers of this lodge would wish to "be installed at Portsmouth at the festival in December next." November 10 "it was voted that Bros. Stephen Hoyt, Enoch "Hoyt, and John Ramond be a committee to draft a petition to "the grand lodge, praying for a dispensation of this lodge one "half of the time to the town of Bradford." The committee performed their duty, but for good and sufficient reasons the grand lodge refused to accede to their request. At a special meeting held December 16, "it was voted to remove this lodge "to the hall of Bro. Eliphalet Gay, in said New London, the "next communication." The Committee on By-laws seem to have reported at this meeting, for "it was voted to accept this code of By-laws as they now stand." At the annual communication, held January 12, A. L. 5803, the following officers "were elected and duly installed because of "the present master living at so great a distance, and could not attend next "lodge night:"

Stephen Hoyt, worshipful master; Moses Hills, senior warden; Jonathan Woodbury, junior warden; Daniel Woodbury, treasurer; Greene French, secretary; Joseph Harvey, senior deacon; Enoch Hoyt, junior deacon; John Woodman, first steward; Eliphalet Gay, second steward; Ezra Marsh, tiler.

"*Voted*, That the lodge meet the next communication at Bro. John Woodman's hall." The lodge met "on a special occasion" the next evening, January 13, at which, after opening on the "first step in Masonry, it was voted that Bro. "Benjamin Swett receive thirty-five dollars from the treasury, "and the thanks of this lodge, for his past services as master."

"*Voted*, That Bros. John Woodman, Eliphalet Gay, and "Moses Hills be a committee to return the thanks of this lodge "to Bro. Swett for his past services as master." "Business "done then closed the lodge."

At the regular communication, April 13, we find the following report, viz.: "The committee that was chosen to examine

“the accounts against the lodge have made report that every brother that hath done any service for the lodge shall receive sixty-seven cents per day, over and above his expenses, and two pence happenny, or three pence, if bad riding, for his horse per mile, and that the above regulation be accepted for what hath been done for the lodge heretofore.” It was also voted that this lodge should meet the Blazing Star Lodge, at Hopkinton, to celebrate the festival of St. John the Baptist, June 24, and that the secretary be instructed to procure aprons for the occasion.

June 8, “*Voted*, To choose a committee to make some alterations in the by-laws in choosing officers.” They made report at this same meeting, “that the choice of officers should be once in every sixth month.” A committee consisting of Bros. Jonathan Woodbury, Stephen Hoyt, and Moses Hills was chosen to arrange affairs for the festival at Hopkinton, and that Bro. Greene French should take care to procure gloves.

“*Voted*, That Bro. Jonathan Woodbury should invite Elder Seamans to attend with the lodge at Hopkinton, on the festival of St. John.”

July 6 a new choice of officers was made, at which the three principal officers were re-elected, and the following changes in the board occurred, viz.: Joseph Harvey, treasurer; Enoch Hoyt, senior deacon; John Ramond, junior deacon; John King, junior steward; Samuel Rogers, tiler, and Eliphalet Gay, marshal.

The records of meetings which follow this election for the next six months, while containing nothing of material interest to the outside world, are of interest to the craft, for the reason that a large amount of work was accomplished, and the pure principles of our noble Order were communicated to minds and hearts that were prepared to receive them, thus enlarging the circle, and strengthening the bond of brotherhood. This one experiment of semi-annual elections seems to have proved sufficient, for it was never repeated, and annual elections were held regularly in December, till Dec. 25, 1811, when the weather and travelling were such that only three, Daniel Woodbury, worshipful master, John Woodman as senior warden, and Job Seamans as junior warden were present. A special meeting was called for Jan. 1, 1812, at which six brethren were

present and "voted to adjourn to the 9th inst. and notify all the members who are now absent." At this meeting fifteen members and three visitors were present. It was "voted to "dispense with so much of the third article in the by-laws as "relates to the choice of officers."

"*Voted*, To adjourn for half an hour."

"*Voted*, That as the weather being so severe at the December communication that the brethren would not attend, the "present officers remain in office for the year ensuing."

At the regular communication, Feb. 6, 1805, "it was voted to call a special lodge on the last Wednesday in this month."

"*Voted*, To have a public discourse delivered, as Bro. Barber hath proposed."

"*Voted*, That John Woodman and Greene French be a committee to make proper arrangements for said Special Lodge "and public meeting."

The record of this "special lodge" contains the names of the following members and visitors, viz.: Enoch Hoyt, master; Joseph Harvey, senior warden; John Quimby, junior warden; John Woodman, Eliphalet Gay, Samuel Little, John King, Jonathan Woodbury, Charles Church, Joshua Currier, Thomas Pike, Amos Pressey, Samuel Rogers, Greene French, Richard Cressey, Ezra Marsh, and Stephen Hoyt, Master Masons and members; Osgood Taylor, Ebenezer Noyes, Samuel Roby, Philip Harvey, Daniel Runnels, and Matthew Harvey, fellow crafts; Diah Hutchinson, entered apprentice; C. B. Noyes, Joshua Stafford, Arnold Ellis, Daniel Barber, Henry B. Chase, Thomas Webster, Ezra Flanders, John Harris, Daniel Moore, Bro. Larnurd, and Bro. Blanchard, visitors.

"*Voted*, that Bros. Joseph Harvey, Stephen Hoyt, and Richard Cressey be a committee to wait on Rev. Bro. Daniel Barber and present him the unanimous thanks of the lodge, for "his very excellent discourse this day delivered, and request of "him a copy for the press." We are sorry to say there is nothing on our records to show that their request was complied with.

August 27, 1806, "it was voted to pay Arnold Ellis five dollars and fifty cents for one large Bible, and procuring the "same out of the fund of the Lodge." This venerable copy of the Holy Bible, that "Great Light in Masonry," which we, as Masons, take as "the rule and guide of our Faith," has

been open upon our Altar ever since, that "no one may pretend ignorance of the excellent principles it enjoins."

It was also "Voted that the treasurer [Philip S. Harvey] "procure all necessary Jewels and Furniture for this Lodge as "soon as possible." While the record is silent, that he performed that duty, we may infer from the record of the Reg. Com. held Oct. 22d following, when it was "Voted that the "Stewards remove the Jewels and Furniture to Bro. Greene "French's Hall in New London some time between the communications in November and December next," also "Voted "that a Committee be Chosen to make Suitable arrangements "at Bro. French's Hall for the reception of the Lodge."

This committee consisted of Bros. Arnold Ellis and Philip S. Harvey. The annual meeting, Dec. 24th, was held in Bro. French's hall to which the jewels and furniture were removed Nov. 19th. The lodge at this time received an official visit from R. W. Bro. John Harris, D. D. G. M. It was "Voted "that the Secretary [Bro. Arnold Ellis] procure a set of working tools in masonry for the use of King Solomon's Lodge."

The lodge celebrated the festival of St. John at Bro. Jonathan Harvey's hall in Sutton June 25th, 1807, at which an address was delivered by Bro. Joshua Young. Eben Cressey was chosen to act as marshal. Bro. Young received the thanks of the lodge and ten dollars in cash for his service, and was requested to furnish a copy of his discourse for the printer. Another proposition to remove the lodge from Bro. French's, to Bro. John Woodman's hall, was made Jan. 8, 1808, to lie over to the next regular communication, and we find, accordingly, that on February 10th it was "voted to remove the jewels of this lodge to Bro. John Woodman's hall."

There the lodge found a permanent home, up to and including the regular communication on April 14, 1813.

During this period of little more than five years, the lodge enjoyed great prosperity—its meetings were well and regularly attended—a large amount of work was performed, and its membership largely increased and strengthened. A perusal of the records would indicate that a spirit of brotherly love prevailed, and that the tenets of our Order were well and faithfully obeyed.

Previous to this period the "grim tyrant," death, had not

entered the lodge, but on August 7th, 1812, the lodge was called upon to perform the last sad rites, which the living owe their dead, over the remains of Bro. Daniel Noyes, Esq., of Springfield.

The lodge, assisted by brethren from other lodges, convened in the home of the deceased at 11 o'clock A. M. and opened the lodge. At 3 P. M., formed in procession and moved to the church, where a funeral discourse was delivered by Judge Evans, after which they proceeded to the place of interment where the remains were deposited with the honors of Masonry. Returned to the hall and closed the lodge. Brethren present :

Daniel Woodbury, W. M. ; Samuel Robie, S. W. ; Joseph Harvey, J. W. ; Job Seamans, Jr., Secretary ; Daniel Warner, Senior Grand Warden ; Eliphalet Gay, Samuel Cilley, Joseph Cilley, Amos Pressey, Ebenezer Sargent, Samuel Little, John Quimby, Amasa Howard, Philip S. Harvey, Dr. Robert Lane, John King, Wheeler Woodbury, Greene French, Nathan Rowe, Samuel Greaves, Moses Hills, John Stickney, William Proctor, A. Whittemore, J. Bartlett, S. C. Bartlett, (J. Noten?), N. Currier, R. Currier, D. Currier, J. Morgan, and J. Merrill, Master Masons ; J. Jones and J. C. Gale, Fellow Crafts ; John Huse, Entered Apprentice.

At the regular meeting, April 14, 1813, which seems to be the last held at John Woodman's hall, a committee was chosen, consisting of Samuel Robie, Robert Lane, Samuel Kimball, Nathan Rogers, and J. Harvey, to make arrangements for celebrating the festival of St. John the Baptist. To the above-named committee was also referred the moving of the lodge.

A special meeting was called at Bro. Daniel Woodbury's, on Wednesday preceding the next full moon. At that meeting it was "voted to reconsider the vote passed at the last regular "meeting respecting celebrating the festival of St. John the "Baptist," and also "voted, to remove this lodge from Bro. "Woodman's to Bro. Daniel Woodbury's, and that the lodge "meet there for the future."

A special meeting was held at Bro. Woodbury's on April 27th, "for the purpose of Initiating, passing, and raising Mr. "Joseph Pike of Sutton, at his request, as he was immediately "to march with the Troops to Canada." The three degrees were conferred upon him at this meeting by dispensation.

Another case of "military necessity" occurred at the annual meeting December 1st, when "Jonathan Kimball was proposed to be made a Mason in this Lodge." It was "voted to dispense with the By-Laws, on account of his expecting to engage immediately in the United States service, and that the ballot be now taken."

"He was balloted for, found Clear and Initiated."

Names of those who received the degree of Master Mason in King Solomon's Lodge from 1802 to Feb. 4, 1814:

1802—Greene French, Charles Colburn, John Quimby, Samuel Little, Josiah Morse, Eliphalet Gay, Samuel Rogers, Thomas Pike, Nathan Rogers; 1803—James Taylor, David Swett, John Stickney, Joshua Currier, Barach Chase, Matthew Harvey, Duty Stickney, Silas Thorla, Charles Hogg, Amos Pressey, William Proctor; 1804—Abner Flanders, Philip S. Harvey, Samuel Robie, Ebenezer Noyes, Arnold Ellis, Samuel Cilley, Diah Hutchinson; 1805—John Baker, Wheeler Woodbury, William Blake; 1806—Joshua Sawyer, Job Seamans, Jr., Ebenezer Sargent, James Minot, Nathan Rowe, John McClure; 1807—Joseph Cilley, Samuel Kimball; 1808—Elijah Hilton; 1809—Samuel Fuller; 1810, 1811—Dr. Robert Lane; 1811, 1812—Dr. Amasa Howard; 1812—Nathan Leach; 1813—Joseph Pike, David Colcord, Benjamin Thompson, John Woodbury; 1814—Jonathan Kimball.

No known records exist of the intervening period (1814-1832), and it is supposed they were lost or destroyed during the anti-Masonic excitement, though it is known that the lodge continued its organization all through those troublous times.

May 9, 1832, "*Voted*, That the Lodge and furniture be removed to the house of Greene French before the next regular communication."

No record from that date till Jan. 30, 1833, when Robert Lane proposed moving the lodge to North Sutton, "and to petition the Grand Lodge for a dispensation for that purpose."

Feb. 27, 1833, "*Voted*, To consider Bro. Robert Lane's proposition to remove to North Sutton at the annual communication in May."

There is no record from that time to Jan. 27, 1836.

In May, 1839, "*Voted*, To meet once in six months, May and November." Job Seamans was then secretary.

Feb. 12, 1851, the first meeting was held in Stockwell hall, at Wilmot Flat, and no other till the 26th of May.

Bro. Job Seamans was buried with Masonic honors July 12, 1855.

June 3, 1857, a petition was drawn up for the consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to allow K. S. Lodge to remove to North Sutton, Dr. Lane being very active in the cause; and the representative-elect was instructed to present it to the Grand Lodge, and a committee consisting of Gilman Greeley and Perley Sargent appointed to find a suitable hall or room to meet in. To this the Grand Lodge would not consent, and therefore it could not be moved.

In December, 1857, *Voted*, To secure the use of Otis Jones's hall, then in process of erection, and voted that it be named Masonic Hall.

From 1856 to 1860, large additions were made to the lodge, most of the new members coming from Andover and Grafton.

On the 20th of June, 1866, the following were dimitted from K. S. Lodge for the purpose of organizing a new lodge at Andover, named Kearsarge, No. 81.:

John M. Shirley, George Sleeper, Charles H. Morrill, Benj. F. Kilburn, George H. Haley, Joseph D. Philbrick, George H. Morrill, William H. Huntoon, John Fellows, Henry A. Weymouth, Henry C. Dugan, Moses P. Thompson, John C. Webster, George P. Titcomb, Horace S. Clay, Harlan P. Prescott, Aaron Cilley, David Haines, William A. Batchelder, William Dunlap, Simeon S. Moulton, Charlton W. Woodbury.

Those dimitted to form Mt. Moriah Lodge, at Grafton, were, — Stephen Fellows, Hosea D. Barney, Horace Webster, George W. Webster, Andrew I. Webster, Byron Fellows, James W. Kelton, James B. Bullock, Alfred S. Williams, John S. Ford, Cromwell Kimball.

This took from King Solomon's so many members who were living in these jurisdictions as to greatly weaken it, both financially and in membership.

In the summer of 1877 the Grand Lodge gave its consent to its removal to Scytheville, where it built its hall building, and where it has remained for twenty years.

Masters of King Solomon's Lodge: 1803, Stephen Hoyt, Benjamin Swett; 1807, John Quimby; 1808, Philip S. Har-

vey; 1809, Amos Ellis; 1810-1812, Daniel Woodbury; 1813, Joseph Harvey; 1828, John Harvey; 1829-1839, Greene French; 1840, 1841, Joseph Harvey; 1842, 1843, Theodore Abbot; 1844, 1845, Gilman Greeley; 1846, 1847, Levi Fowler; 1848-1851, William Lee; 1852, 1853, Benjamin R. Andrew; 1854, William W. Flanders; 1855, 1856, Stephen R. Swett; 1857, 1858, John M. Hayes; 1859, Stephen R. Swett; 1860, John M. Hayes; 1861, Stephen R. Swett; 1862, 1863, Edgar L. Wheeler; 1864, Stephen Fellows; 1865, Joseph D. Philbrick; 1866, Edgar L. Wheeler; 1867, Andrew J. Sargent; 1868, 1869, Edwin A. Jones; 1870-1872, Sumner E. Philbrick; 1873, Edwin A. Jones; 1874, Frank H. Clough; 1875, Sumner E. Philbrick; 1876-1880, Edwin A. Jones; 1881, 1882, George B. Clough; 1883, Frank O. Dow; 1884, 1885, Herbert B. Swett; 1886, 1887, Edwin A. Jones; 1888, 1889, Charles A. Todd; 1890, 1891, Charlton W. Woodbury; 1892, Herbert B. Swett; 1893, Charles F. Wilson; 1894, Stephen J. Dean; 1895, 1896, Charles A. Lamson; 1897, John K. Law.

FARMERS' CLUB.

The New London Farmers' club antedated the grange organization by several years, its first records bearing the date of Feb. 15, 1872. In the few years of its existence it appears to have faithfully followed out the purposes set forth in its preamble, which was as follows:

"Whereas the acquisition of knowledge in all the departments of human industry is eminently desirable, and in nothing more so than in the pursuits of the husbandman; and knowing also that experience is one of the most reliable sources of knowledge; and whereas free mutual discussion is one of the most felicitous means of communication, and being desirous to promote the best interests of agriculture in the community, we do hereby form ourselves into a society, for the above purpose."

The names affixed to this preamble were,—J. C. Herrick, Luther McCutchins, Curtis Messer, Albert S. Worthen, Edwin F. Messer, David Towle, N. A. Parker, Charles Crockett, Micajah Morgan, Henry R. Gates, Belden Morgan, Nathaniel Knowlton, Henry W. Seamans, William S. Messer, Moses

J. Adams, Baxter Gay, Adelbert Messer, R. A. Farwell, James H. Brown, Hiram Sargent, H. M. Fales, Seth Littlefield, Edwin P. Burpee, George M. Knight.

The first officers of the club were,—President, H. M. Fales; vice-president, N. A. Parker; secretary and treasurer, Seth Littlefield; executive committee, Moses J. Adams, Charles Crockett, Anthony C. Burpee.

NEW LONDON GRANGE.

When the organizing of a grange was first suggested in New London many of our good people were much alarmed. The grange was a secret society, and surely no good could come of it. But there were some staunch friends of the Order to defend it, and the idea took definite form when, Thursday evening, Oct. 25, 1883, a meeting of all interested in agricultural improvements and the organization of a grange, of the Order Patrons of Husbandry, was held by the citizens of New London in Armory hall at the town house. The meeting was called to order by W. H. Stinson, General Deputy, P. of H., of the state, Sylvester Felch of Sutton grange acting as secretary, and George White, also of Sutton grange, as gatekeeper. After preliminary remarks by the deputy the declaration of purpose was read, followed by a brief talk on the objects, aims, and present condition of the Order in the state and country. Those whose names were not on the petition for membership withdrew from the hall, and a grange was organized with twenty-two charter members. Of these four have withdrawn from the order, leaving eighteen in good standing. Their names are as follows:

Joseph M. Clough, Charles W. Gay, Baxter Gay, James E. Shepard, Willis J. Sargent, Ransom F. Sargent, Reverdy F. Smith, Edward A. Todd, Samuel P. Towle, Charlton W. Woodbury, Miss Lucy N. Shepard, Mrs. Cornelia Clough, Mrs. Anna Gay, Miss Elzina M. Smith, Mrs. Maria E. Sargent, Miss Maria A. Gay, Mrs. Lucia N. Shepard, Mrs. Mary A. Woodbury.

Officers were elected and installed by the deputy. Names of officers for the remainder of the year are as follows:

Master, James E. Shepard; overseer, Charles W. Gay;

lecturer, Charlton W. Woodbury; steward, Willis J. Sargent; assistant steward, Samuel P. Towle; chaplain, Joseph M. Clough; treasurer, Ransom F. Sargent; secretary, Jacob H. Todd; gate-keeper, Reverdy F. Smith; Pomona, Miss Maria A. Gay; Flora, Miss Elzina M. Smith; Ceres, Mrs. Lucia N. Shepard; lady assistant steward, Mrs. Maria E. Sargent.

The honor of choosing a name for the grange was given to a committee of five,—Charlton W. Woodbury, Jacob H. Todd, Joseph M. Clough, Mrs. Cornelia Clough, and Miss Maria A. Gay, which reported that the name should be “New London Grange.” It was henceforth known as New London Grange, No. 95.

From January, 1884, to January, 1898, the masters were as follows: James E. Shepard, three years; Charles W. Gay, two years; Baxter Gay, two years; Edgar F. Sargent, one year; George M. Knight, one year; Willie M. Knowlton, three years; John D. Pingree, two years.

Meetings were held at the town hall until Currier’s hall was fitted up for the use of the grange. This was occupied until October 2, 1895. At a meeting of the grange, May 1, 1895, it was voted to build a grange hall, and a building committee was appointed as follows: Baxter Gay, Willie M. Knowlton, Frank W. Knowlton, James E. Shepard, and Frank M. Stanley. On July 17, the report of the first meeting of the grange as an incorporated body was read. The following is a copy of the certificate of incorporation:

“The undersigned, being persons of lawful age, associate themselves under the provisions of chapter 147 of the Public Statutes of New Hampshire by the following

“ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT:

“ARTICLE 1. The name of this corporation shall be ‘New London Grange P. of H.’

“ART. 2. The object for which this corporation is established is to purchase a site, to erect and furnish a hall thereon, and to maintain the same.

“ART. 3. The place in which the business of this corporation is to be carried on is New London, N. H.

“ART 4. The first meeting of this corporation shall be held at the town hall Wednesday, July 10, 1895, at 8 o’clock, p. m.

“Signed: W. M. Knowlton, New London, N. H.; James
 “E. Shepard, New London, N. H.; Baxter Gay, New Lon-
 “don, N. H.; Frank W. Knowlton, New London, N. H.;
 “Frank M. Stanley, New London, N. H.

“STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,
 “OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE,
 “CONCORD, June 29, 1895.

“Received and recorded in records of Voluntary Corpora-
 “tions, Vol. 8, *pp.* 372-73.

“EZRA S. STEARNS,
 “*Secretary of State.*

“NEW LONDON, N. H., July 16, 1895.

“Received and recorded in town records, page 413.

“REO E. FARWELL,
 “*Town Clerk.*”

Grange hall was formally dedicated by R. D. Gay of Manchester, on the afternoon of Nov. 6, 1895; Past Master Baxter Gay was master of ceremonies. An original poem was read, and there were congratulatory remarks by many friends. There are at present one hundred and thirteen members. The regular meetings are held on the first and third Wednesday evenings of each month from May till September inclusive, and every Wednesday evening during the remaining months.

The Grange paper, *Patrons' Progress*, was first edited and given a name by Mrs. Jennie B. Messer, Jan. 31, 1884. Since then it has been edited and read sixty times. Select readings, declamations, recitations, essays, discussions, dramas, dialogues, “chip-baskets,” spelling-matches, etc., find places on our programmes and help to make the meetings both entertaining and instructive. The first agricultural fair in town was held by this grange at the town hall, October, 1885. Public entertainments are held several times during the year, and are always a success. Arbor Day and Children's Day have been observed, oftentimes with interesting programmes.

In 1894 this grange was the recipient of a beautiful clock, the donor being Mrs. George M. Knight of this town.

During the fifteen years since the organization of this grange, only five of its members have died,—Miss Susie C. Burpee,

Miss Nellie Ross, Augustus L. Putney, Mrs. George P. Sholes, Edwin P. Burpee.

The growth of New London Grange has always been steady, and its most sanguine friends in its infancy could hardly have predicted its present prosperity. Much of it is due to the spirit of harmony and loyalty to the Order which its members have shown. There have been no petty jealousies nor fault-findings, but an unselfish desire on the part of each for the good of all.

The power of the Order is recognized everywhere. Inculcating as it does a love of the beautiful in nature, recognizing woman as the equal of man and his co-worker, reverencing God as the great Master, may its loyal friends increase with the years.

ANTHONY COLBY POST, G. A. R.

Post No. 85, Department of New Hampshire, was organized at New London, Tuesday evening, September 15, 1885, in conformity to a notice from Department Commander Collis of Portsmouth that he would be in New London on the above-named date for the purpose of organizing the post and installing the necessary officers. The comrades gathered in Grange hall at the appointed time, and the following were mustered in as charter members of the post:

William A. Messer, Joseph M. Clough, Mark B. Means, John K. Law, Francis E. Derby, Robert McConnell, Willard Reed, Francis P. Messer, Ransom F. Sargent, Charles Woodward, John Roby, Merrill Robie, John M. Messer, Austin Goings, Perry B. Flanders, George M. Jewett, Alston Brown, Walter Pingree, Abner Durgin, John H. Ellis, Charlton W. Woodbury. Solon Cooper, who was unable to be present at the meeting because of total disability on account of a wound, was mustered in as a recruit at his home by Department Commander Collis during the afternoon.

The first board of officers elected were,—P. C., W. A. Messer; S. V., J. M. Clough; J. V., M. B. Means; O. D., Robert McConnell; O. G., Willard Reed; O. M., F. E. Derby; Adj., John K. Law; Sur., John M. Messer; Q. M. S., R. F. Sargent; Sergt. Maj., F. P. Messer.

This post was named for the late Governor Anthony Colby,

and very early in its history Gen. Daniel E. Colby presented a sum sufficient to purchase a handsome silk banner. Mrs. Susan (Colby) Colgate gave an elegantly bound photograph album for portraits of the comrades, and George Woodward presented a handsome autograph album. Other much-prized gifts to the post are an oil painting of the late Governor Colby, presented by his daughter, and a fine portrait of General Luther McCutchins, presented by his daughter, Elizabeth (McCutchins) Blood.

Regular meetings of the post were at first held in Currier hall, on the first and third Mondays of each month. Later the by-laws were amended so that from June till October meetings were held only once a month, and during the remaining months once in two weeks. After the removal of the grange to their new hall, the quarters of the post were also changed. Each year since its organization the post has observed Memorial Sunday by attendance in a body on divine service, and on Memorial Day have faithfully performed their obligations to the heroic dead. The town appropriates \$25 each year to aid the post in the observance of Memorial Day. The post is in a prosperous condition and has the loyal support of the citizens in all its plans and purposes. Those who have joined the post since its organization are,—George H. Sanders, Andrew J. Sargent, Rev. Silas F. Dean, George P. Sholes, Thomas Chase, Stephen P. Colby, Isaac J. Lovering, Rev. Stephen C. Fletcher, Thomas S. Davis, George R. McFarland, Rev. Dura P. Morgan, Frederic Hill.

HEIDELBERG LODGE, I. O. O. F.

Several times in the history of New London, previous to 1895, the organization of a lodge of Odd Fellows had been agitated; but an examination of the conditions seemed to indicate that the time was not ripe for such a society. Particularly the lack of a suitable hall in which to hold the meetings prevented any steps in the direction of a lodge.

In the spring of 1895, Mr. J. F. P. Call, a member of Central Lodge, No. 67, of Warner, again began to agitate the question of such a lodge. He found quite a number of brother Odd

Fellows, some of whom he did not suspect to belong to the organization, while other men, not themselves members, expressed a readiness to unite with the Order, should opportunity offer. Among these, the late Charles A. Todd was the most prominent, and to his efforts, more than to any other one person, the culmination of the plans for the organization of Heidelberg Lodge is due. But his efforts and those of Mr. Call must have proved futile had they not been ably seconded by the sympathy and practical aid of several others, prominent among whom were Professor Griffin of Colby academy, and Eugene C. Derby. These four brothers together rendered efficient service to the Order in many ways, and did very much to make the early days of the lodge a promise of a successful career.

On May 10th, Charles A. Todd, Charles E. Shepard, and Willard C. Leonard went to Sunapee and were initiated into Rock Ezel Lodge, No. 79, for the purpose of signing a petition to the grand lodge of the state of New Hampshire for a charter for a subordinate lodge of Odd Fellows at New London; and on the same evening, the several degrees were conferred upon the three brothers.

A preliminary meeting was held in the town hall about April 20th, for consultation and to decide on the advisability of a lodge, at which the following were present: Charles A. Todd, Charles E. Shepard, La Roy F. Griffin, Willard C. Leonard, Eugene C. Derby, George Hayes, and Frank B. Morgan, and so much interest was manifested that it was decided to petition the grand lodge for a charter. The petition was sent to Grand Secretary Joseph Kidder, and bore the following names: La Roy F. Griffin, Charles A. Todd, J. Franklin P. Call, Eugene C. Derby, Charles E. Shepard, Willard C. Leonard, George Hayes, Frank B. Morgan, Archie M. Hayes, Charles F. Putney, Orin F. Hill, and John K. Law.

On June 17, 1895, Grand Master Edwin D. Ward, Grand Secretary Joseph Kidder, and Grand Marshal Milton Colby came to New London for the purpose of instituting the new lodge. They found nearly a hundred brother Odd Fellows from neighboring towns assembled in the hall then occupied by the New London Grange, now known as Sargent's hall, and the grand master called them to order at 4 p. m., and stated the object which had brought them together. The other grand

lodge chairs were filled *pro tempore* by the following visiting brothers :

Deputy grand master, John K. Dame, of Lodge No. 34 ; grand warden, Moses L. Sargent, of No. 79 ; grand treasurer, A. H. Davis, of No. 51 ; grand guardian, Eugene Worthen, of No. 45 ; grand herald, A. E. Rogers, of No. 69 ; and grand chaplain, John M. Cooper. After prayer by the grand chaplain, the grand master declared the lodge opened in the third degree.

On calling the roll of the petitioners, all responded to their names except Brother John K. Law, and the obligation of charter members was taken by them, and the lodge was declared instituted.

Applications for membership were at once received from James E. Shepard, Sidney A. Smith, Walter P. Sargent, Fred Farwell, Alfred G. Sargent, George C. Bickford, Herman S. Adams, Ai Worthen, Benj. F. Sargent, and Arthur W. Holmes. These applicants were referred to an investigating committee who reported in favor of their election, and they were elected members.

The lodge met again at 8 p. m., when the degree staff of Rock Ezel Lodge, No. 79, of Sunapee, initiated the candidates and conferred the several degrees upon them all, thus making the membership of the lodge twenty-one.

At the close of the work the following brothers were installed the first officers of the lodge :

Noble grand, La Roy F. Griffin ; vice-grand, Charles A. Todd ; secretary, Eugene C. Derby ; treasurer, Charles E. Shepard ; warden, Willard C. Leonard ; conductor, Alfred G. Sargent ; right supporter of the noble grand, George Hayes ; left supporter of the noble grand, Herman S. Adams ; right supporter of the vice-grand, Frank B. Morgan ; left supporter of the vice-grand, Fred Farwell ; inside guardian, Charles F. Putney ; outside guardian, George C. Bickford ; right scene supporter, Arthur W. Holmes ; left scene supporter, Walter P. Sargent, and chaplain, James E. Shepard.

The early meetings of the lodge were held in Armory hall, over the town hall, but it very soon became apparent that the room did not afford suitable accommodations, and Brother Walter P. Sargent offered to paint and decorate the hall then

occupied by the grange, soon to be vacated, and a lease for three years was agreed upon. The lodge moved into the new quarters and held its first meeting there on July 29th.

Brother Charles W. Bucklin, who was initiated a member on August 15th, very soon became interested in the proper furnishing and adorning of the lodge room. Taking time as he found necessary to determine the best and most suitable furnishings, early in the fall, in company with Brother Willard C. Leonard, Brother Bucklin went to Boston and selected a very fine set of furniture for the lodge room, which he purchased and donated to the lodge. Its material is quartered oak, and it consists of fine chairs for the principal officers, finished in plush of the appropriate colors; suitable chairs for the subordinate officers, and plain but very substantial chairs for the members; beautiful pedestals for the leading officers, and an elegant reading desk for the chaplain. This with a neat but substantial carpet for the floor places the rooms of Heidelberg Lodge among the most attractive belonging to the order in the state.

As a token of their recognition of his generosity, the lodge has secured a fine portrait of Mr. Bucklin, framed in oak to correspond with the furniture, and that now ornaments the wall upon one side of the noble grand's chair.

The need of an instrument of some kind to lead in the floor work was felt from the very organization of the lodge. But when the organization of a Rebekah lodge was agitated, the furnishing of a piano was seen to be a necessity. To meet this lack, three of the members, Brothers Charles A. Todd, Willard C. Leonard, and Charles E. Shepard assumed the responsibility of purchasing an excellent instrument, cased to correspond properly with the furniture, and of placing it in the hall for the use of the lodge. The cost of this addition will probably be met ultimately by the lodge itself through some form of entertainments.

Heidelberg Lodge suffered its first loss by death on May 27th, 1896. Brother Charles A. Todd, really one of the fathers of the lodge, and at the time its noble grand, passed on to his rest, and he was buried in form, with the honors of the order, at North Sutton, on the following day.

Recognizing in some measure the indebtedness of the lodge



CHARLES A. TODD.

to Brother Todd for its early success, the lodge procured a picture of their late noble grand, a companion piece to the portrait of Brother Bucklin, and it now hangs at the other side of the noble grand's chair.

New members have been steadily joining the lodge since its formation until the present number of members is thirty-seven. Those added since the opening evening are Andrew J. Kidder, Evarts W. Messer, Elmer E. Adams, Roscoe G. Stiles, Dr. C. A. Lamson, W. A. Messer. Charles W. Bucklin, Charles Woodward, Oscar F. Crockett, Robert McConnell, John L. Brown, Henry W. Kidder, John K. Law, Fred L. Howe, George F. Mulliken, Herbert G. Smith, and Burke M. Whitney.

CRYSTAL REBEKAH LODGE.

The matter of forming a society of Rebekahs was agitated very soon after the organization of the lodge of Odd Fellows. The subject was talked over and carefully discussed in the lodge room, after the meetings of the Odd Fellows, by several leading members. Among the most enthusiastic of the members were Brothers Charles A. Todd, George C. Bickford, Charles Woodward, La Roy F. Griffin, J. Franklin P. Call, and Willard C. Leonard.

These brothers were especially anxious that such an organization should be formed, and at length it became a question for discussion in the lodge. Most of the members favored the idea, and it was decided to form a lodge of Rebekahs if enough ladies and gentlemen could be found who were willing to go to Sunapee and take the degree, becoming members of Crescent lodge. Although this seemed difficult, enough to meet the requirements for a charter were finally secured, and on Jan. 8, 1896, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Woodward, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Bickford, Mr. and Mrs. Willard C. Leonard, Mr. and Mrs. George Hayes, Mr. and Mrs. J. Franklin P. Call, went to Sunapee and were initiated into Crescent Rebekah Lodge, No. 44, for the purpose of signing a petition to the grand lodge of the state of New Hampshire for a charter, and these persons became charter members of the new lodge. On Jan. 28, Grand Secretary Joseph Kidder of Manchester, and others,

came to New London for the purpose of instituting the new lodge. A meeting was called to order at 4:45 p. m. by the grand master, I. O. O. F., for the state of New Hampshire, Clinton Collins.

The following officers occupied the chairs with the grand master :

Deputy grand master, *pro tem.*, J. V. Sargent, of Rock Ezel Lodge, No. 79; grand warden, *pro tem.*, M. L. Sargent, of Rock Ezel Lodge, No. 79; grand secretary, Joseph Kidder; grand treasurer, *pro tem.*, M. F. Knowlton, of Rock Ezel Lodge, No. 79; grand marshal, C. M. Leete; grand guardian, *pro tem.*, E. R. Sargent, of Rock Ezel Lodge, No. 79.

The pledge of charter members was taken by those whose names were given above, and Crystal Rebekah Lodge, No. 68, was declared instituted. Applications for membership were received from Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Shepard, Prof. and Mrs. La Roy F. Griffin, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Bucklin, Mr. and Mrs. Ai Worthen, Dr. and Mrs. Charles A. Lamson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Putney, Mr. and Mrs. Herman S. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Todd, Miss Mattie R. Kidder, Mr. Albert H. Lamson, Mr. Rufus E. Lamson, Mr. Frank B. Morgan, Miss Clara S. Whittemore, Miss May H. Kidder, Mr. Andrew J. Kidder, Mr. Alfred Sargent, Mr. Fred Farwell, Mr. Sidney A. Smith, Mr. Eugene C. Derby, Mr. Benjamin F. Sargent, Miss Florence G. Sargent.

The applications were referred to an investigating committee, who reported in favor of their election, and they were elected members. Crescent Rebekah Lodge of Sunapee being present, their degree staff proceeded to confer the degree upon all the applicants with the exception of Charles A. Todd and wife. On account of official business Mr. Todd was not able to be present at this meeting, and the degree was conferred upon him and Mrs. Todd a few weeks later. The work was done by the degree staff in an admirable way, giving pleasure to all present.

The new lodge had already elected the first officers, and at the close of the work Grand Master Collins proceeded to install the following as the staff for the current year :

Noble grand, Mrs. George Hayes; vice-grand, Mrs. Willard C. Leonard; financial secretary, Mrs. Franklin P. Call; treas-

urer, Mrs. George Bickford; recording secretary, Mrs. Charles Shepard; warden, Mrs. Herman S. Adams; conductor, Miss Mattie R. Kidder; right supporter of noble grand, George Hayes; left supporter of noble grand, May H. Kidder; right supporter of vice-grand, Ruth A. Griffin; left supporter of vice-grand, Mary A. Lamson; chaplain, Mrs. Charles Woodward; outside guardian, Alfred G. Sargent; inside guardian, Minnie A. Worthen.

Several soon made application for membership, so that at the present time the lodge numbers sixty members; those who have entered later being, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sargent, Mrs. H. K. Whipple, Miss Ninnah F. Sischo, Miss Mary C. Lovering, Miss Juna L. Paul, Mrs. Serphina Philbrick, Mrs. Marietta Crockett, Mr. Oscar F. Crockett, Miss Delia Gay, Miss Laura Messer, Miss Lillian R. Howe, Mrs. Ida L. Woodward, Miss Annie K. Pilsbury, Miss Hattie L. Stearns, Miss Agnes J. McCallum, Mr. Charles E. Pilsbury, Miss Elnora B. Call.

Crystal Rebekah Lodge suffered its first loss by death on May 16th, when Charles A. Todd passed on to his rest. The loss of Brother Todd has been greatly felt by the society, and too much cannot be said in regard to the energy and untiring zeal with which Mr. Todd worked, both for the founding of the lodge and for its prosperity.

Crystal Rebekah Lodge invited Crescent Lodge of Sunapee to attend at the time of the installation of their second staff of officers on Jan. 11, 1897. Professor Griffin, district deputy grand master for the current year, assisted by a full staff, installed Mrs. Willard C. Leonard, noble grand; Mrs. Charles E. Shepard, vice-grand; Mrs. Todd, secretary; and Mrs. Woodward, treasurer, with a full list of appointive officers, in regular form.

NEW LONDON CADET BAND.

The annals of the New London band cover a period of nearly sixty years, the first organization, known as the New London Union band, dating back to 1839. The following preamble, from the book of records now in possession of John M. Dow, naïvely sets forth the object of the society:

“We the subscribers, believing the cultivation of the science of music in all its variety to be entertaining and instructive to the mind and refreshing to the physical system, do hereby form ourselves into a society for the cultivation and improvement of our musical faculties.”

The constitution was adopted Aug. 24, 1839, and under the leadership of Jacob F. Keneston the band flourished apace. Meetings were held weekly in the schoolhouse at Four Corners, and at one period in the academy building. Punctuality in attendance seems to have held special value in the eyes of its members, and the petty fine imposed for absence or tardiness, unless a satisfactory excuse was presented, quickened many a lagging footstep, though one prominent member is on record as delinquent in remaining too long at the store after recess. The members who signed the constitution were Jacob F. Keneston, William H. Hayes, Robert L. Colby, John M. Dow, George W. Sargent, Henry R. Gates, Edwin R. Sargent, Albert Hunting, George W. Everett, Anthony C. Burpee, David Everett, John Ide, Joseph Trussell, John B. Davis, James C. Greenwood, Abial Everett, Robert Everett, John S. Haselton, Daniel R. Everett, Lewis Heath, Joseph Messer, Christopher C. Fitts, William Lee, secretary. The band was under the tutelage of Alonzo Bond of Sutton, “the best teacher this side of Concord.” Their uniform consisted of sashes and caps, which were purchased only after prolonged consideration. The following extracts from the record are touches of nature that show the common humanity :

“The band was called out by the president, and met at the house of Dea. Everett and walked in procession thence to the meeting-house before the corpse of our vice-president and afterwards to the grave.”

At their next meeting, as a further token of respect to their deceased brother the band voted :

“That we dispense with our contemplated boat ride on Pleasant pond for the present.”

In 1842 is this record :

“That we do not play for the company in this town any longer without pay, and that Anthony Burpee be a committee

“to wait on the captain, and make known to him our determination.”

The persuasive powers of Colonel Burpee were evidently sufficient for the emergency, for the band was not only engaged to play at the coming training, but “got their pay.”

During the early '80s the Scytheville Cornet band was organized, and in the few years of its existence did most excellent work, the majority of its members displaying more than ordinary musical ability and power of execution. From the brief records it is learned that the members in 1884 were,—D. Berry, M. M. Morey, E. N. Folsom, James G. Crowley, C. J. Gilman, Harry Greenwood, Robert Greenwood, Albert H. Daggett, Charles H. Davis, R. Nason, C. V. Gilman, R. A. Wheeler, Walter Jones, Will Smiley, N. E. Smith, Palmer M. Sanders, Charles Hayes, Elmer Adams, R. Wilkins, James Walker, Frank Whitemore, R. F. Sargent, Fred W. Goings, H. S. Adams, E. C. Derby, J. F. Merrill, J. E. Lonby.

The roll of officers for 1885 was,—President, R. F. Sargent; vice-president, Charles R. Hayes; treasurer, James Lonby; auditor, E. C. Derby; leader, J. F. Merrill; musical director, James Lonby, drum-major, Frank Pike.

The constitution of the New London Cornet band was adopted Dec. 15, 1888, the first board of officers being as follows: President, Edwin P. Burpee; vice-president, Ransom F. Sargent; secretary, Eugene C. Derby; treasurer, Elmer E. Adams; leader and first director, Fred Goings; second director, E. C. Derby; third director, Herman S. Adams. This organization has continued down to the present date, the name New London Cadet band being adopted in 1897. Its members have been faithful in practice and efficient in execution, and the band enjoys a high degree of popularity both at home and abroad. The following board of officers was elected Feb. 12, 1898: President, Ransom F. Sargent; vice-president, Luther Ray; secretary, Edwin R. Ashby; treasurer, Elmer E. Adams; first leader, Herman S. Adams; second leader, Ralph H. Keil; directors, R. F. Sargent, William P. Clough, Herbert G. Smith. The members of the Cadet band are,—Ransom F. Sargent, M. Luther Ray, Elmer E. Adams, Herman S. Adams, Frank O. Dow (drum major), Sidney A. Smith, Herbert G. Smith, Edwin R. Ashby, Evarts W. Messer,

Ralph H. Keil, William Leach, William P. Clough, Charles Weeks, George French, Benjamin F. Sargent, Chester Williams, Winfield Call, George Quimby, Fred Quimby, William Brown, Frank Gay, George Philbrick, Elmer Messer.

LADIES' BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society of Scytheville was organized Jan. 27, 1876, with the following officers: President, Mrs. L. J. Folsom; secretary, Mrs. A. B. Whittier; treasurer, Mrs. J. C. Burpee. The object of the society, as set forth in the report of the first meeting, is for the purpose of social intercourse and to obtain money to expend for any religious or charitable object the members may see fit. Early in its history the society purchased and placed in position street lamps for the village, and kept them in use and repair. The society appropriated the sum of \$50 toward the organ now in use in Mechanics' hall, and \$40 toward the Sunday-school library. They also purchased and placed in position blinds and the small granite steps for the same hall, appropriating \$50 for that purpose.

The society has also contributed liberally from time to time toward the support of preaching in the village, and has provided hymn books for use in the religious services.

Many other smaller appropriations have been made for different objects. The poor and needy have not been forgotten, but many families residing at different times in the village could testify to much help received from the society in the way of food and clothing.

The society is now in a flourishing condition, having about \$60 in the treasury. The officers for the present year (1898) are,—President, Mrs. B. G. Everett; vice-president, Miss Gertrude Lamson; secretary, Mrs. George Thurston; treasurer, Mrs. F. B. Clark; collector, Mrs. A. F. Boynton.



NEW LONDON CADET BAND.

APPENDIX.

NEW LONDON.*

[Granted by the Masonian Proprietors to William Symes and others as *Heidelberg* June 5, 1753. Regranted as *Alexandria Addition* July 7, 1773, to Jonas Minot and others. Incorporated as New London June 25, 1779, and named from London, Eng. A part of Kearsarge Gore was annexed June 19, 1793. Portions of Sunapee were annexed Dec. 11, 1804, and June 19, 1817. The northerly part was combined with a part of Kearsarge Gore and incorporated as Wilmot, June 18, 1807.

See XIII, Hammond Town Papers, 1; Index to Laws, 403; sketch, by J. E. Sargent, Hurd's History of Merrimack County, 1885, p. 421; Centennial, 2, Granite Monthly, 311, 341, 369; Baptist Churches in N. H., by E. E. Cummings, 1836, p. 11; Lawrence's N. H. Churches, 1856, p. 400; Notes, by J. Farmer, 18, Collections of Mass. Historical Society, 173; Great Whirlwind, 1821, Collections of N. H. Historical Society, 241; New London Scythe Co., 5, Granite Monthly, 33; The Dividing Line: A Sketch of New London, by Myra B. Lord; 19, *id.*, 93.]

[*Charter of Heidelberg, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 91.]

Province of } Pursuant to the Power & Authority granted &
New Hamp^r } vested me the Subscriber by the Proprietors of Lands
purchased of John Tufton Mason Esq^r in the Province of New Hamp^r
by their vote passed at their meeting Held at Portsmouth in Said
Province the Sixth Day of December 1751—

I Do by these Presents on the Terms Conditions with the Reservations herein after expressed give & grant all the Right Title Property & Possession of the Proprietors aforesaid unto William Symes Esq^r Eleazer Farwell Samuel Sarles Samuel Huson Philip Olerick Abial Richardson, John Hutchinson Thomas M'Claughlin Isaac Colburn William Cox Jonathan Butterfield Charles Cox Benjamin Farwell Oliver Colburn, William Evers Benjamin French William Harris Jonathan Farwell Benjamin Thompson Phinehas Underwood Ezekiel Greale Robert Fletcher Joseph Butterfield Jun. Joseph Wright Zacheus Spaulding Mark Gould Benoni Juel Thomas Juel Reuben Butterfield Jonathan Griffin Daniel Merrill, Samuel Merrill Jun. Nehemiah Lovewell Henry Snow Peter Prescott Stephen Hosmore Jun^r John Fox Jacob Fletcher Elijah Fletcher Samuel Burbank Henry Chase Samuel

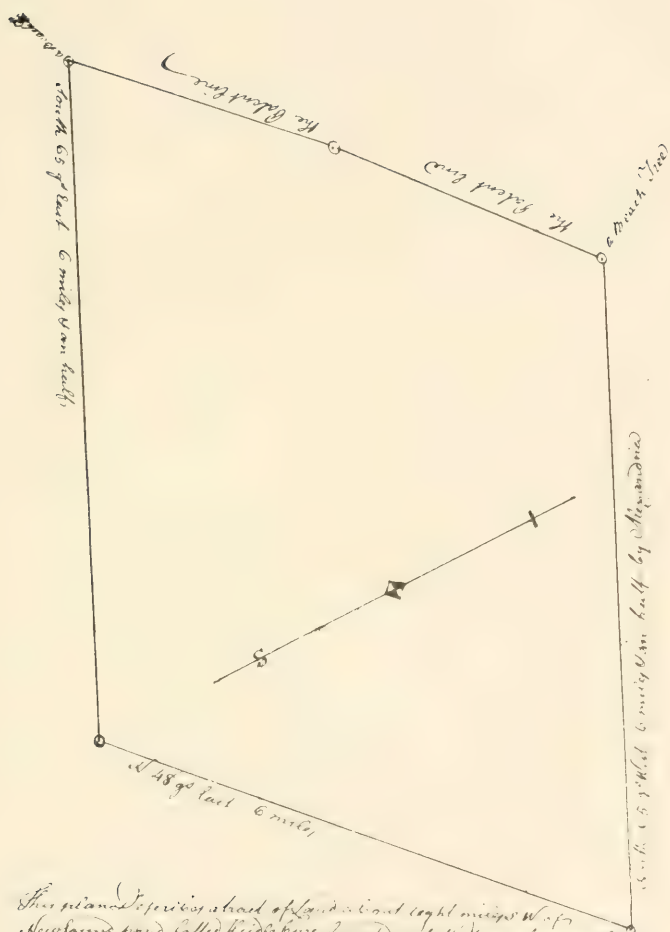
* Extract from State Papers, Vol. XXVIII, pp. 127-134.

Grele Jun^r Benjamin Winn Samuel Grele Sen^r William Taylor Thomas Parker Robert Fletcher Jun^r Joseph Blanchard Jun^r Stephen Addams John French Jun^r—of In and to that Tract of Land or Township lying in the Province of New Hamp^r afores^d Containing Twenty Three Thousand and Forty Acres Bounded as Followeth Beginning at a Beach Tree in the western Line of Mason's Patent fifty eight Miles Northwardly from the Province Line at the Southwestward Corner of a Tract of Land or Township Granted to Joseph Butterfield Jun^r and His Associats (Cal^d Alexandria) From thence Run'ing South Sixty five Degrees East Six miles and One half to an Elm Tree mark^d with a heap of Stones about it from thence South Forty Eight Degrees West Six Miles to a Tree mark^d from thence North Sixty five Degrees west Six miles and one half To a Beech Tree Mark^d Standing in the afore Said Line of Masons Pattennt from thence on the Pattennt Line afore said to the Bounds first Mentiond said Tract or Township is Call^d Hiddleburg—to them their Heirs & Assigns To have & to hold on the following Terms and Conditions with the Reservations herein after expressed viz^t that the Tract or Township aforesaid be Divided into One Hundred and Twenty three Equal Shares Two Lots at the Least to each Share to be finished & Drawn for in Some equitable and Publick manner at or before the last Day of November 1755—

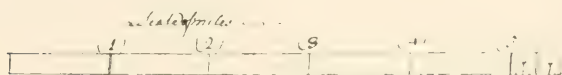
that three of the aforesaid Shares be and hereby are granted free from Charge one for the first settled minister one for the ministry and one for the School There forever that Twenty more of the said Shares be reserved for the Grantors their Heirs and Assigns forever and acquitted from all Duty & Charge untill Improved by the Owners or Some holding under them Respectively—

That the Owners of the other Shares make Settlements at their own Expençe in the following Manner Viz^t Each Grantee at the Expiration of five years from the Last Day of November next after the Date hereof have three Acres Parcel of his Right Respectively Cleared inclosed & fitted for mowing or Tillage, three Acres more Cleared inclosed and fitted as aforesaid then next Annually for three Years & at the End of the three Years which will be on the last Day of November 1761 have Each a dwelling house built & finished fit and Comfortable for a Family to Dwell in & a Family or some Person to inhabit & Continue Inhabitançy there for three Years then next Coming. That a Convenient Meeting House be built in Said Township within Eight years from this Date & Ten Acres of Land Reserved there for Publick use. That the Lands in Said Township Belonging to Grantors & Grantees be subjected to have all Necessary High-ways laid thro' them as there Shall be Occasion for the Future

That the afore said Grantees their Heirs or Assigns by a Major Vote in Publick Meeting Called for that Purpose Grant and Assess



This plan is a true and correct copy of the original plan of the
 original grant of Heidelberg, granted to the William Lyman & Son
 Laid out April 1st. 1753 by Robert Tichenor Surveyor
 Contains 23040 acres
 Copy from the file examined by Robert Tichenor, Surveyor (S. H.)



PLAN OF THE ORIGINAL GRANT OF HEIDELBURG.

in Equal Proportion Such Sum or Sums of Money as they Shall think necessary for Carrying forward & Compleating the Settlement aforesaid and every of the Grantees exclusive of the three public Lots or his Assignes who Shall neglect for the Space of Sixty Days after Such Assessment Shall be Granted to Pay the Same so much of Such Delinquents Right Shall and may be Sold as will Pay the Respective Taxes & all charges arising thereon by a Committee to be appointed by the Grantees or their Assignees for that Purpose—

And in Case any of the Grantees or their Assignees Shall neglect or Refuse to Preform any of the articles matters or things aforesaid by Him respectively to be Done he Shall forfeit his Right in Said Township and Every Part thereof to those of the Grantees or their immediate Assigns who Shall Have Comply'd with the Conditions on their Part herein Express'd And it Shall and may be Lawful for them or any Person by their Authority to Enter Into and upon the Right or Part of Such Delinquents Owners & any and every Part in the name and behalf of the whole of the Grantees or their immediate Assigns who Shall Comply as aforesaid to amove Oust And expel for the use of them their heirs and Assigns—Provided they Settle or Cause to be Settled Each Such Delinquents Right within the Term of One Year at the furthest from the Perieods that is by this Instrument Stipulated to be Done as the Condition of this Grant and fully Comply with the whole Duty such Delinquent Ought to have Done within One Year from time to time after the Respective Perieods thereof And in Case the Grantees or their Assignees fullfilling their Parts as afore said Shall neglect fullfilling as afore Said the Duty of any Delinquent owner As afore said then such Right or Part Shall be forfeit Revert and belong to the Grantors their Heirs & Assigns and be wholly at their Disposal—Always provided there be no Indian War within any of the Terms Afore said for Doing the Duty Conditioned in this Grant and in Case that should Happen the Same Time to be Allow'd for the Respective matters aforesaid after Such Impediment Shall be Removed.—

Lastly that all White Pine Trees fit for Masting his Majestys Royal Navy growing on said Tract of Land be & hereby are Granted to his Majestys his heirs & Successors forever. To all which Premises I Joseph Blanchard agent for and in behalf of the Proprietors the Grantors Have hereto Set my Hand and Seal this fifth Day of June in the Twenty Sixth Year of his Majestys Reign — Anno. Dominiq 1753 —

Joseph Blanchard { L. S. }

Copy Examined ¶

Robert Fletcher Proprietors Clerk

[*Acceptance of Charter, 1753.*]

[Masonian Papers, Vol. 7, p. 92.]

At a Meeting of the Prop^{rs} (the Grantees) of the Tract of Land or Township Cal^d Hiddleburg in the Province of New Hampshire held at Dunstable the twelfth Day of June 1753—

the Following Vote Passed unanimously—

Whereas the Prop^{rs} of Land in the Province of New Hampshire purchased by them of John Tufton Mason Esq who sold them under the Title made by a Comon Recovery did on the fifth Day of June — afore s^d Grant the Quantity of Twenty Three Thousand and forty acres (by Estimation Part of S^d Lands Bounded as Followeth Beginning at a Beach Tree in the western Line of Masons Pattent fifty Eight miles northwardly from the Province Line at the Southwestwardly Corner of a Tract of Land or Township Granted to Joseph Butterfield Jun^r and His Associates Cal^d Alexandria From thence Runing South Sixty five Degrees East Six miles and one half to an Elm Tree mark^d with a heap of Stones about it from thence Runing South forty Eight Degrees west Six miles to a Tree mark^d from thence North Sixty five Degrees west Six miles and one half to a Beach Tree mark^d Standing in the afore s^d Line of Masons Pattent from thence on the Pattent Line afore s^d to the Bounds first mentioned Which Tract of Land or Township is Cal^d Hiddleburg— unto William Symes Esq Eleazer Farwell Samuel Sarles Samuel Huson Philip Olerick Abial Richardson John Hutchinson Thomas McLaughlin Isaac Colburn William Cox Jonathan Butterfield Charles Cox Benjamin Farwell Oliver Colburn William Eysers Benjamin French William Harris Jonathan Farwell Benjamin Thompson Phinehas Underwood Ezekiel Greale Robert Fletcher Joseph Butterfield Ju^r Joseph Wright Zacheius Spaulding Mark Gould Benoni Juel Thomas Juel Reuben Butterfield Jonathan Griffin Daniel Merrill Samuel Merrill Ju^r Nehemiah Lovewell Henry Snow Peter Prescott Stephen Hosmore Jun^r John Fox Jacob Fletcher Elijah Fletcher Samuel Burbank Henry Chase Samuel Grele Jun^r Benjamin Winn Samuel Grele Sene^r William Taylor Thomas Parker Robert Fletcher Jun^r Joseph Blanchard Jun^r Stephen Addams John French Jun^r— Under Certain Conditions Limitations and Reservations in s^d Grant mention^d as by Referance thereto will fully Appear therefore voted—

That wee do hereby accept s^d Title & for our Selves our Heirs & assigns do acknowledge that we hold s^d Lands under said Title Conditions & Limetations with the Reservations therein Mentioned—

Extract From y^e votes Examined

Ⓜ^r J Blanchard Moderator

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Ⓜ^r Rober^t Fletcher Propietors Clerk

[*Grant As Alexandria Addition, 1773.*]

[Masonian Proprietors' Records, July 7, 1773.]

Voted Also That there be and hereby is granted unto the before-named Jonas Minott, Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge and Joshua Talford, on the Terms, conditions Limitations & reservations herein after exprest, a Certain tract of land situated in the County of Hillsborough & Province of New Hampshire, bounded as follow's viz^t begining at the Southwesterly Corner of Alexandria aforesaid on the Pattent line, and Runing on said Pattent line, to Fishersfield Corner, in Great Sunnipe Pond, from thence East. on the Northerly side line of Fishersfield, four hundred seventy two Rods to Parrys Town Corner, then North eighty five degrees East about four miles to a beach tree marked, on Parrystown Line, from thence North thirty nine degrees East, about Sixteen hundred & seventy two rods to a beach tree marked in Alexandria Corner, from thence North twelve degrees West, to the Pattent line aforementioned on the westerly side of said Alexandria, To Have & to Hold to the said Minot his heirs & assigns forever the one moiety of said Land, and to the said Jonathan Bagley, William Bailey, John Talford, William Talford, Matthew Thornton, Robert McMurphy, Daniel Rindge, & Joshua Talford, and to their respective heirs and Assigns forever, the other Moiety thereof, according to their respective Rights and shares in said Alexandria, upon the following Terms, Conditions, Limitations & Reservations, That is to Say, That one third part of said Land, is hereby reserved to the said Grantors, their heirs and assigns forever, Viz^t Lott Number 74, N^o 40, N^o 128, N^o 38, N^o 49, N^o 122, N^o 24, N^o 94, N^o 119, N^o 121, N^o 70, N^o 95, N^o 58, N^o 10, N^o 50, N^o 36, N^o 55, N^o 67, N^o 136, N^o 126, N^o 3, N^o 84, N^o 125, N^o 17, N^o 42, N^o 29, N^o 61, N^o 90, N^o 18, N^o 37, N^o 83, N^o 102, N^o 120, N^o 43, N^o 92, N^o 118, N^o 4, N^o 106, N^o 19, N^o 14, N^o 71, N^o 7, N^o 15, N^o 39, & N^o 46, and two lotts in the Plan return'd of said Tract, a third of which said two Lotts is reserved to said Grantors, and belongs to their said third part, of said land, besides the particular lotts beforemention'd, which said reserved third part shall be held by said Grantors, free from all Taxes, and charges whatever, that may arise concerning the Roads, building, Ministry, settlements and other Publick affairs, whatever, until the Grantors Lands shall be improved, & then only the particular Lott so improved, shall be liable, and all the white pine trees fit for his Majesty's Use, for Masting his Royal Navy, growing on said Premises are hereby reserved for that Use,—That said Grantees shall have thirty Families on every twenty thousand Acres on said Tract hereby granted, and so in the same proportion for a greater or less quantity

of land, and all the settlers to be got on and reside on said Land within three years from the date of this Grant, which tract of land being supposed of an Oblong form, shall be divided in the Centre into two Parishes, and that in each parish shall be laid out in the center thereof, or as near as may be, a lot in a square form, containing at least ten Acres, for a Burying Yard, Training Field, Meeting house and other Public Uses forever, And nearly adjoining to said Lot, another of one hundred & fifty Acres, for the use of a Publick School, also another Lott of One hundred & fifty Acres, for the use of the first settled Minister forever, another Lott adjoining thereto of one hundred & fifty acres, for the use of the Ministry forever, That said Grantees build an house for Publick Worship, of thirty Six feet square at Least On said ten Acre lot within three years from the date hereof and Also within that time shall build a Saw Mill and Grist Mill, and if any Grantee or Grantees, in three years from this date, shall not settle the Number of Families required to be settled, by this Grant in proportion to his Right or Share in said Land, such delinquent Grantee or Grantees, shall forfeit to said Grantors their heirs and assigns so much of such delinquents Right or shares in said land, as shall amount to one thirtieth part of the whole of said Grant for the use of said Grantors, as if this Grant had never been made, and it shall be lawfull for them their Heirs & Assigns, or their attorney duly appointed to reenter into any such Rights or Lands and become resealed & repossessed of the same, The Duty of Settlement is hereby meant, that upon each settling Lott there shall be built a dwelling house equal to sixteen feet square, and six Acres improved in Mowing, Tillage and under fence,—That within Ninety days from this date, the lotts of said Grantees, shall be drawn or divided, and a Schedule of the Numbers returned to the said Grantors within that time, with a list of the settling Lotts, & the lotts thereto belonging, and that said Grantees within said ninety days, shall Vote an Acceptance of both said Grants, and make a record of such Acceptance,—The land in said Tract given to the abovenamed William Bailey is to be understood as granted to him, upon this condition, that in case he consent to take his part given in said Alexandria, as in the Grant thereof *of even date with this*, and to draw for the share given herein to him, in Proportion to his Right or Share beforemention'd, Then he shall be intitled to what is herein given to him, otherwise the same is hereby granted, to the other Grantees and to their heirs and Assigns in the same Proportion as the other lands herein given them,—

That each Grantee Shall give to the Grantors Bonds in the penal sum of five hundred pounds lawfull Money in the whole, for the performance of the said terms and conditions of Settlement according to this Grant, which Bonds shall be given within three months, in pro-

portion to each Grantee's Right in said Lands, and if any Grantee or Grantees, shall refuse or neglect to sign such Bonds within that time, his or their Rights or Shares, shall be forfeited for the use of the Grantees who shall sign such bond, To Hold to them their Heirs & assigns in proportion to each Grantees Right in said Grant,—

[*Plan and Description of Alexandria Addition, 1773.*]

June y^e 1 : 1773 by the Desire of Mathew Thornton Esq^r and M^r Robart M^cmurphy boath of Londonderry I have Ben and Tock a Survey of all the Land Laying between Alaxandrea and fishersfeald and Part of Parytown on the Easterly Side of the Patten Line as is Shewn by the Plan here in Closed and acording to the Best observation I Cold make of the Qulety of Said Land in General it appears to be more Ruff and Poor Land than anney I Saw in the Nabering Town it being Very mountanes and Rockey the Lower Land Generly Cold and Sproosey boggs I Did not See a Grat Deal of Alaxandrea but Perry town is acording to the best of my Judment much beter Land in General than the Addition to Alaxandrea which I Lotted out Gentleman m^r Minort Desired my Judgment and to take Porticuler Notes as to the Goodnes of the Land and To Send it in writing with the Plan, Genlⁿ your most Humble Sar^t

Jeremiah Page

THE MOUNTAIN SCENERY OF NEW LONDON.*

From the exacting duties of a busy professional life and the sometimes uncongenial surroundings of a great city, I often look back with joy to the days spent among the hills of New London, amid the scenes of perennial beauty. In my school days I learned to love the place, and in vacation seasons of after life, with spirit becalmed and tranquil, I have there found days of rest and contact with nature, and stored up strength and sunshine for another year of labor; and the memory of those highland scenes has lightened the work of many an otherwise tedious hour. Those days seem to me now the flower and adornment of the passing years, wherein I had revealed to me anew something of the "divine significance of life." Born and reared in New Hampshire, I love her mountains with a tender passion; in some mysterious, but not the less real, way I am related to them; and I know they have left their impress and influence forever upon the soul and fibre of my being.

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I consider it a singularly beautiful compensation of nature that, while New London has no mountain of its own, the town should be so rich in mountain scenery, being on this account unique and very charming. And this, in a measure, is true of the lowlands as well as of the hilltops in the neighborhood. I have spent some of the happiest and most profitable days of my life among the White Mountains, where the elements of quiet beauty mingle with sublime grandeur, and whose deep and sombre gorges unite with precipitous crags and peaks and gentle woodland slopes to make up some of the finest scenery in America; but I always return to New London with a new sense of gladness to be there, and find some features of its scenery that are unsurpassed in all the mountain region.

New London has often been written about by admiring friends, and charming sketches of the town and of its citizens have been published; but I have seen but very little of note, such as the place deserves, touching its finer and more distant mountain views. And my only excuse now for writing is the hope that a new and adequate interest may be awakened in one of the most beautiful regions of the state. What I shall here briefly describe is the result of observation with map and compass and field-glass during two or three vacation periods, and verified, as I have had opportunity, from different view-points as they presented. New London Hill is the culmination of a long ridge or uplift of land that has its beginning in the town of Sutton, rising with steady grade and with lines of gentle curve, and reaching its highest point near the site of the "Old Academy."

The older name of this is Colby Hill, and inasmuch as this is the business and educational and religious centre of the vicinity, it is the most important, though not the highest, of the series of uplands that determine the topography of the town, and all along its ridge are distant views of unusual interest, embracing within their farthest limits a territory more than one hundred miles in extent.

Should any one wish to see the points of interest I am about to mention, and take the trip which I here suggest, let me advise him *not* to go while the summer crops are growing, lest he trample down the farmers' grass and they henceforth refuse the use of their land for such purposes as mountain gazing.

Starting, for convenience, at the Campus we shall see almost due north, twenty miles away, Mt. Cardigan as one of the sentinel outposts of all this region, towering bleak and bare in its solitary grandeur, at the east of which, and in the nearer foreground, are the hills of New London and Wilmot beyond Lake Pleasant.* Looking over the northern ridge of Ragged mountain we see, probably, a part of Red Hill, the crown of all the elevations near Centre Harbor. Next comes Ragged mountain, our old friend and neighbor, which never appears



RAGGED MOUNTAIN FROM NEW LONDON HILL.

half so beautiful as when in summer the clouds play over its surface and mingle the sunshine and shadow into a mottled covering upon its wooded sides. Beyond Ragged, low-lying against the horizon, are the fertile fields of Andover and Sanbornton, at the right of which are the round-top peaks of Belknap, which slope gently down into pleasant lesser hills at the right. Crossing now the wall near the campus and entering the field of the Colby farm, and continuing our course towards the red house on the so-called "Captain Andrews" place, let us keep a sharp lookout over the old red house down the back road, for here the bold Alpine peak of Chocorua first bursts into view and claims our attention nearly fifty miles away—a mountain almost as famous and as much written about as Mt. Washington itself.

Go on beside the wall towards Alvin Messer's lane, and watch the full form of Chocorua appear, crouching as it does like a massive lion at repose, with head uplifted and with the bare, sunlit ledges forming its tawny breasts and sides—one of the finest bits of distant scenery I have ever beheld. At the left of Chocorua as we advance the hills of Bristol and New Hampton rise prominently in the foreground, a fit setting to the gem beyond.

Once I saw Chocorua from relatively the same position, when all of the mountain that could be discerned was the bare, brownish white ledges, as it were, suspended by invisible cords let down from heaven, even the outlines of the mountain itself having disappeared in the hazy atmosphere of a dog-day. It was, indeed, a weird picture. Viewed from whatever standpoint one pleases, Chocorua is one of the most fascinating and attractive peaks in New Hampshire, though I must confess it appears rather forbidding to the one attempting to ascend the last quarter mile to its summit. Advance a few rods more, and the great mass of Whiteface and Passaconaway appears to view, their outlines so intermingling from this point that the two are seen as one, with no line of division between. Cross the Messer lane and go on to a point near the old, red house, watching still in the northeast for the double summit of Sandwich Dome, which rises 4,070 feet above the sea and is forty miles away. One peak of the stately Tripyramid peers over its northern ridge, while a little further to the left, like a "mastoid process," rises Jennings's peak. Now leave for a little the more distant scenes and turn with kindly greetings towards Kearsarge, so grand and kingly. Probably there is no place where Kearsarge stands out so impressively and in so grand proportions as here, nor where the eye can watch so gladly the changing hues of light and shade upon its broad western side. Behold its great bulk upraised there, standing since the foundation of the world, and consider what it means of God when it is said, "The strength of the hills is his also." From this point Kearsarge is an ideal mountain, all that a

mountain should be, with its bare and rocky summit upreared to heaven, with its densely wooded slopes running down into fertile fields belonging to goodly homes, the earth there yielding her bounteous increase to the patient toil of man.

Then, too, see what a rare and beautiful setting for such a gem as Kearsarge, with the fair village of Wilmot Flat low nestling at its base serenely, while in the nearer foreground lie the broad, green acres of the Low Plain Farms—the Shepard homestead—a veritable “apple of gold in a picture of silver.” A more beautiful home scene and country landscape I have yet to find.

Leave now the old red house and follow along the ridge through the Prescott farm to the road near Mr. Ashby’s house, first noting the exquisite view of the abrupt and rolling hills about Warner, Bradford, and Washington, and looking back for a parting salute to Chocorua, as it disappears behind Ragged mountain. Cross the road at the Ashby house and go through the Crockett field (the first behind the road), cross the second stone wall, and advance to a point two thirds across the second field (which belongs to Mr. Adelbert Messer), whence can be seen, if the day be sufficiently clear, the apex of the cone of Mt. Washington, seventy miles away, peering over the eastward slope of Alexandria mountain beyond Danbury. Mt. Washington is distinctly visible from the neighborhood of Todd’s Corner, a very fine view being had in the road between the houses of Nelson and Frank Todd, though it can be seen half way down the hill towards Mr. Shepard’s, and also from Mr. Shepard’s barn. Once I had the pleasure of viewing this stately distant mountain from the tall pine tree standing at the corner of Mrs. L. H. Fowler’s house, having climbed sixty-seven feet up its sturdy trunk to verify my opinion that Mt. Washington could be seen from that point. By far the best lowland view of the King of the White Hills is near the farmhouse of the late Charles Fowler on the Sutton road, twenty-five or thirty rods south of the barn. Many times have I seen it, bold and distinct in the pellucid air after the clearing of a storm, a magnificent peak; or again, through a medium less clear, with its rugged form and outline softened by the tender grace of distance; and again in late autumn, when the face of the earth elsewhere was sere and brown, hooded in ermine snow, this giant towered more grandly and impressively than ever, belonging as much to heaven as to earth.

If, now, you have seen all this, retrace your steps and return from Todd’s Corner to New London Hill by the regular stage road from Sutton, observing several more interesting and prominent mountains to the westward as you advance. At the southeast lies Mt. Sunapee, with its irregular ridge, then Ascutney to the west, with several quite lofty peaks of the Green Mountains visible beyond, probably Pico,



ACROSS LOW PLAIN TO MOUNT KEARSARGE.

Killington, and Shrewsbury, being the three highest. Croyden and Grantham are farther to the north, the two portions of the former range being separated by a well-defined notch, wherein lies the road leading to the Notch or west gate of Corbin Park.

Thus in this short excursion can be seen some seventeen mountains, varying in distance from six or seven to seventy miles, and all to be had without ascending a mountain or even climbing a hill.

This is from New London Hill proper. Very fine views, I am told, may be had also from Morgan, Jones, and Burpee hills. These, too, I hope some time to discover and enjoy for myself. Perhaps at another time I may have something to write of the prospect from King's hill.

ADDENDA AND ERRATA.

PAGE.

- 22.—Further research locates the "Road from Kearsarge Gore to Protect-worth" as a part of the New Hampshire turnpike (now in Wilmot).
- 77.—Sally Bunker d. April 6, 1872.
- 88.—Anthony Colby m. *Mary Everett* Nov. 24, 1814.
- 90.—Lydia Davis d. Feb. 10, 1867.
- 92.—Jesse Dow removed to Orange several years later than date given.
- 95.—Amy Snowden was the dau. of Deacon Snowden (a native of Yorkshire, England), and Dorcas Easterbrooks.
- 96.—Mindwell (Everett) Brown d. March 28, 1867.
- 103.—Jasper Cofran, M. D., res. at 50 No. Main street, Saco, Me.
- 108.—Matthew Harvey d. Oct. 6, 1855.
- 108.—Polly (Adams) Harvey d. Jan. 21, 1873.
- 131.—Obediah Morgan d. Sept. 28, 1877; Hulda (Messer) Morgan d. Oct. 28, 1877.
- 215.—Moses Adams, Jr., d. March 24, 1858.
- 216.—Daniel Bickford, d. Haverhill, Mass., July 11, 1865, aged 79 years.
- 223.—Sarah (Fales) Burpee, wife of Samuel Burpee, d. Manchester, June 16, 1872, aged 78 years.
- 234.—John Currier (not John *Quincy*) d. Aug. 1, 1868; Sarah (Stevens) Currier d. Pelham, April 25, 1877.
- 235.—Edmund Davis d. March 4, 1868, aged 85 years; Nancy (Messer) Davis d. Feb. 7, 1868, aged 83 years.
- 239.—Charles Lee d. Feb. 22, 1863.
- 240.—Moses P. Everett d. April 27, 1887.
- 241.—John Everett d. Sept. 9, 1865, aged 82 years; Sabrina (Allen) Everett d. Jan. 3, 1870, aged 88 years.
- 243.—Carrie Kenerson was b. July 20, 1854; m. Ariel A. Huntoon of New-port.
- 245.—Hannah (Smith) Fletcher d. Aug. 6, 1862.
- 250.—Almira (Gates) Raleigh d. Dec. 21, 1897.

- 253.—Jonathan Harvey d. Feb. 5, 1862; Hannah (Cram) Harvey d. June 14, 1854.
- 254.—James Hayes d. Oct. 24, 1856; Olive (Fuller) Hayes d. June 7, 1882, aged 90 years.
- 256.—Moses Heath d. Oct. 18, 1845, aged 72 years.
- 258.—John Hutchins d. Aug. 11, 1866.
- 259.—Mary Jewett d. Dec. 29, 1883.
- 261.—Martha (Witherspoon) Knowlton d. July 9, 1881.
- 262.—Miss Adelaide L. Smiley resigned at Toronto because of a serious breakdown in health. From September, 1898, she has been acting lady principal at Vermont Academy, Saxton's River, Vt., and writes (June, 1899) that she is "very happy to be at work again."
- 266.—Thirza (Battles) Messer d. Sept 4, 1876.
- 270.—Samuel Morgan d. Feb. 6, 1873; Mehitable (Robinson) Morgan d. Dec. 28, 1870, aged 75 years.
- 271.—William Morgan d. Oct. 6, 1875; Mary (Stevens) Morgan d. Nov. 19, 1885.
- 272.—Perley Muzzey d. Feb. 18, 1848, aged 69 years.
- 272.—Hannah (Sargent) Page d. March 12, 1869.
- 273.—John Page was b. July 17, 1760.
- 273.—Martha Page d. Jan. 10, 1827; Susan Page d. July 14, 1826.
- 280.—Rachel (Davis) Sargent d. Sept. 8, 1884.
- 283.—Henry W. Seamans d. June 12, 1876; Eliza (Doe) Seamans d. April 17, 1876.
- 284.—Ira Smith d. Aug. 1, 1867; Amanda (Dow) Smith d. Aug. 20, 1883.
- 284.—Mary E. Smith d. June 22, 1862; Nahum W. Smith d. Oct. 27, 1856.
- 286.—Mary (Whittier) Hall d. April 13, 1862.
- 288.—Dorothy (Smith) Wood d. March 17, 1858.
- 289.—Ethan S. Wood d. June 19, 1865.
- 291.—Mehitable (Sargent) Woodward d. Jan. 11, 1863.
- 292.—Dura M. Woodward m. *Guy noir* Lewis.
- 325.—Amasa Abbot d. May 13, 1898.
- 331.—Stella (Weston) Burpee d. August, 1898.
- 342.—Hiram Emerson d. Oct. 27, 1898.
- 370.—Sarah (Wells) Parker was a native of Hopkinton; d. Oct. 21, 1898, aged 60 years, 11 months.
- 442.—Agnes Baker m., Oct. 20, 1898, Silas Sawtelle of Warner.
- 448.—George L. Brown d. Jan. 24, 1899.
- 449.—Walter L. Macomber d. Feb. 19, 1899.
- 457.—Charles Crockett d. Jan. 24, 1899.
- 491.—Harriet (Todd) Jones d. Feb. 15, 1899.
- 492.—Andrew J. Kidder, Jr., m., Oct. 12, 1898, Helen M. Bowles of Hartford, Conn.
- 504.—Herman P. Messer m., Jan. 11, 1899, Lennie J. Philbrick of Springfield.
- 512.—Catharine (Fellows) Rowe d. Jan. 18, 1899.
- 533.—Abby (Shepard) Todd d. March 28, 1899.

- 576.—Born, Feb. 23, 1899, to Charles I. Brown and wife, a dau.
 584.—Born, Jan. 27, 1899, to Edwin A. Dean and wife, a son, Stephen George.
 597.—Born, March 7, 1899, to Archie M. Hayes and wife, a son, Clifton Archie.
 624.—Louise (Duncan) Quackenbos d. February, 1899.
 631.—Born, Feb. 18, 1899, to Reverdy F. Smith and wife, a dau, Dorris Mildred.
 627.—Born, Feb. 9, 1899, to Frank Roberts and wife, a dau.
 574.—Abel F. Boynton d. March 27, 1899.
 526.—Kezia (Sanborn) Sargent d. March 23, 1899.
 484.—Susanna (Hastings) Fletcher d. March, 1899.
 470.—Sanford R. Fisher d. May 22, 1899.
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MESSER, ISAAC.—Son of Isaac and Martha (Stevens) Messer [263]. Isaac, Jr., m., at Spring Arbor, Mich., July 18, 1836, Hannah C. Benson, b. Nov. 15, 1818. Children:

1. Martha A., b. Orangeville, Barry county, Mich., Oct. 20, 1837.
2. Sarah A., b. Carleton, July 3, 1840.
3. Chester, b. May 28, 1842; m. (1), at Rutland, Mich., Dec. 27, 1871, Emma C. Bentley; m. (2), June 5, 1885, Mrs. Minnie Butler Greble. Child:
 (1). Ada, b. Sept. 13, 1877; d. Dec. 12, 1877.
4. Richard B., b. Aug. 28, 1844.
5. Isaac B., b. Jan. 12, 1853.

MESSER, ZACCHEUS.—Son of Zaccheus and Hannah (Hutchins) Messer [127]. Zaccheus, Jr., m. Harriet, dau. of Jabez and Mary (Sewall) Chase [335]. He d. at Springfield, March 17, 1871; she d. Jan. 25, 1892. Children:

1. Almira C., b. March 11, 1846; m., 1866, George D. Watson; res. Hillsborough. Child:
 (1). Wilfred M., b. Jan. 1, 1867; m., August, 1896, Susie Duso.
2. Louisa P., b. Nov. 26, 1847; m., 1871, Ranson C. Putney; res. Sunapee. Children:
 (1). Dura R., b. Sept. 9, 1872.
 (2). Florence I., b. March 25, 1874; m., Nov. 29, 1891, Fred J. Collins; res. Sunapee. Children: (a) Harriet, b. Nov. 8, 1892; (b) Ernest, b. June 10, 1895; (c) Hester, b. June 19, 1897.
 (3). Delbert L., b. April 5, 1879.
3. James H., b. Feb. 5, 1850; unmarried.
4. Richard, b. May 17, 1853; m. Mary J. Adams; is a stonecutter, and res. in Claremont. Children:
 (1). Hope, b. June 20, 1881.
 (2). Elry H., b. 1884.
5. Mary J., b. Dec. 13, 1855; m., 1872, Alonzo B. Putney; res. Springfield. Children:
 (1). Diana M., b. March 26, 1873; m., March 5, 1889, Eddie J. Hooker of Hol-

- brook, Mass. Children: (a) Alonzo E., b. Aug. 24, 1890; (b) Lewis C., b. Sept. 26, 1891; (c) Theodora E., b. Dec. 23, 1892; (d) Gladys D., b. Dec. 6, 1894.
- (2). Sadie E., b. Aug. 2, 1875; m., Oct. 24, 1895, George A. Muzzey; res. Croydon. Child: (a) Russell, b. Dec. 8, 1896.
- (3). Myrtie L., b. March 8, 1877; m. Harrison P. Bartlett. Child: (a) Hazel P., b. Aug. 14, 1897.
- (4) Myra G., b. April 3, 1879.
- (5). Herbert M. B., b. Feb. 23, 1897.
6. Atlanta C., b. Jan. 24, 1859; m. (1), Oct. 23, 1874, George H. Sanders [628]; m. (2), in 1893, Edwin Giles; res. Franklin.
7. Elizabeth A., b. Nov. 16, 1861; m. 1878, Frank Lull; res. Manchester.
8. Abbie, b. March 28, 1869; m. Fred Cook; res. Franklin.

SARGENT, HERMAN L.—Son of Sylvanus T. Sargent [382]. Herman was b. Sept. 7, 1833; m., March 6, 1866, Myra S. Randall, b. Sept. 8, 1842. Mr. Sargent has been a resident of Plymouth for thirty-five years, and with the aid of his efficient wife has demonstrated the possibilities of a New Hampshire farm in rearing and educating a family of children to self-reliant and successful manhood and womanhood. Children:

1. Herbert Eugene, b. Jan. 2, 1867; graduate of Dartmouth college; m., June 23, 1898, Marian J. Ricker of Acton, Me.; res. at Wolfeborough, and is professor of science at Brewster Free academy.
2. Fannie Emmeline, b. May 19, 1868; m., July 25, 1894, Fred A. Berry; res. South Wolfeborough.
3. Mary Tallant, b. July 26, 1872; stenographer.
4. Maurice Everett, b. July 21, 1875; member of class of 1899, Philadelphia Dental college.
5. Grace Osborne, b. Aug. 25, 1877; successful primary teacher in Bristol.
6. Alice Plummer, b. Sept. 11, 1879; member of the class of 1899, State Normal school.

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